

## Congress finally sends \$19B disaster aid bill to Trump

By ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-delayed \$19.1 billion disaster aid bill sailed through the House on Monday and headed to President Donald Trump for his expected signature, overcoming months of infighting, misjudgment and a feud between Trump and congressional Democrats. Lawmakers gave the measure final congressional approval by 354-58 in the House's first significant action after returning from a 10-day recess. It was backed by all 222 voting Democrats and 132 Republicans, including the GOP's top leaders and many of its legislators from

areas hit by hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and fires. Fifty-eight Republicans voted "no," including many of the party's most conservative members. Trump hailed passage of the bill, tweeting, "Farmers, Puerto Rico and all will be very happy." The president also suggested, incorrectly, that the bill would now see action in the Senate. That chamber had already passed the bill by a sweeping 85-8 vote on its way out of Washington May 23, a margin that reflected a consensus that the bill is long overdue.

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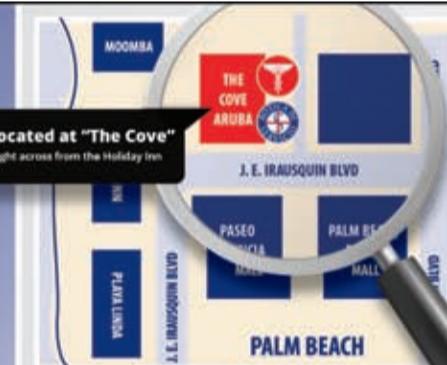
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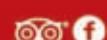
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# Long list of troubled nursing homes revealed by senators

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The federal government for years has kept under wraps the names of hundreds of nursing homes around the country found by inspectors to have serious ongoing health, safety or sanitary problems.

Nearly 400 facilities nationwide had a "persistent record of poor care" as of April, but they were not included along with a shorter list of homes that get increased federal scrutiny and do have warning labels, according to a Senate report released Monday.

Budget cuts appear to be contributing to the problem by reducing money available for the focused inspections that are required for nursing homes on the shorter list, according to documents and interviews. The secrecy undermines the federal commitment to ensure transparency for families struggling to find nursing homes for loved ones and raises questions about why the names of some homes



In this Oct. 2, 2018, file photo, Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., speaks during a television news interview on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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are not disclosed while others are publicly identified, according to two senators who released the report on Monday.

"We've got to make sure any family member or any potential resident of a nursing home can get this information, not only ahead of time but on an ongoing

basis," said Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., who along with Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., issued the report.

"When a family makes the hard decision to seek nursing home services for a loved one, they deserve to know if a facility under consideration suffers from systemic shortcomings," said Toomey.

The senators released a list provided them by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS, of nursing homes with documented problems whose names were not publicly disclosed by the government.

About 1.3 million Americans are nursing home residents, cared for in more than 15,700 facilities. The senators' report noted that problem nursing homes on both lists account for about 3 percent.

CMS does publicly disclose names of a smaller group of about 80 nursing homes that are getting special scrutiny to help them resolve documented quality problems. They're in what's called the Special Focus Facility program. Nursing homes that don't improve can be cut off by Medicare and Medicaid.

Consumers can identify special focus facilities on the government's Nursing Home Compare website by looking for an icon

shaped like a small yellow triangle that resembles a traffic "caution" sign. The website does not display starred quality ratings for the special focus facilities. Usually, nursing homes receive from a low of one star to the highest quality score of five stars.

The nearly 400 facilities that are candidates for the shorter list "qualify for the program because they are identified as having a 'persistent record of poor care' but are not selected for participation as a result of limited resources at (CMS)," said the report from Casey and Toomey.

"Despite being indistinguishable from (special focus nursing homes) in terms of their qualifications, candidates are not publicly disclosed," the report added. In a letter last month to Casey, CMS Administrator Seema Verma singled out federal budget problems as a factor.

"The total number of (special focus) slots and total number of (special focus) candidates nationally are based on the availability of federal resources," Verma wrote. She added that as recently as 2010, there was room for 167 nursing homes in the special focus program and 835 candidates. That's now down to as many as 88 special focus slots and up to 440 candi-

dates.

She said federal budget cuts in 2014 reduced the number of available slots.

Verma said her agency is evaluating whether it can publicly release the list of "candidate" nursing homes. The Trump administration has asked Congress for more money for health care inspections, but the final amount and how it will be distributed remain unclear. In a statement, CMS said its starred ratings on the Nursing Home Compare website are already the best yardstick "for consumers to understand and use." About 2,900 nursing homes have the lowest one-star overall rating.

But consumer groups say such ratings are not enough, and greater disclosure is overdue.

"It might help (consumers) avoid facilities that the government is acknowledging are very, very troubled," said Toby Edelman, a senior policy lawyer with the nonprofit Center for Medicare Advocacy.

A nursing home industry group says it generally supports transparency and takes no position on release of the list. David Gifford, vice president for quality with the American Health Care Association, said the inspection reports on which the CMS lists are based are only one measure, and people should also consider other factors such as staffing levels and clinical outcomes.

Monday's report from Sens. Casey and Toomey identified several nursing homes from the list of special focus candidates. Among the details:

— In Quitman, Texas, the Heritage Healthcare Residence did not prevent the septic system from backing up, causing a foul-smelling black substance to come through the drains and seep into the kitchen floor near food-preparation areas. In an interview, officials of the company that currently owns the nursing home said they had corrected all the problems after purchasing the facility in February. □

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But conservative Republicans in the House held up the bill last week, objecting on three occasions to efforts by Democratic leaders to pass the bill by a voice vote requiring unanimity. They said the legislation — which reflects an increasingly permissive attitude in Washington on spending to address disasters that sooner or later hit every region of the country — shouldn't be rushed through without a recorded vote.

Along the way, House and Senate old-timers seemed to outmaneuver the White House, though Trump personally prevailed upon Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., to drop a bid to free up billions of dollars for dredging and other harbor projects.

The measure was initially held up over a fight between Trump and Democrats over aid to Puerto Rico that seems long settled.

"Some in our government refused to assist our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico who are still recovering from a 2017 hurricane. I'm pleased we've moved past that," said House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y. "Because when disaster strikes, we shouldn't let a ZIP code dictate our response." The measure also faced delays amid failed talks on Trump's \$4 billion-plus request to care for thousands of mostly Central American migrants being held at the southern border. The sides narrowed their differences but couldn't reach agreement in the rush to go on recess, but everyone agrees that another bill will be needed almost immediately to refill nearly empty agency accounts to care for migrants. "We must work together

quickly to pass a bill that addresses the surge of unaccompanied children crossing the border and provides law enforcement agencies with the funding they need," said top Appropriations Committee Republican Kay Granger of Texas. "The stakes are high. There are serious — life or death — repercussions if the Congress does not act." The measure is largely the same as a version that passed the House last month. Republicans opposed it for leaving out the border funding.

Among the reasons was a demand by House liberals to block the Homeland Security Department from getting information from federal social welfare authorities to help track immigrants residing in the U.S. illegally who take migrant refugee children into their homes. As the measure languished, disasters kept coming — with failed levees in Arkansas, Iowa and Missouri and tornadoes across Ohio just the most recent examples. The measure is supported by the bipartisan party leadership in both House and Senate.

The legislation is also being driven by Florida and Georgia lawmakers steaming with frustration over delays in delivering help to farmers, towns and military bases slammed by hurricanes last fall. Flooding in Iowa and Nebraska this spring added to the coalition behind the measure, which delivers much of its help to regions where Trump supporters dominate.

The bill started out as a modest \$7.8 billion measure passed in the last days of House GOP control. A \$14 billion version advanced in the Democrat-led chamber in January and ballooned to \$19.1 billion by the time it emerged from the floor last month, fed by new funding for commu-



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Emily Kientzel puts a cooler in her friend's boat as they prepare to take the boat out over floodwaters from the Mississippi River to his home outside of Portage des Sioux, Mo., Sunday, June 2, 2019.

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nity rehabilitation projects, Army Corps of Engineers water and flood protection projects, and rebuilding funds for several military bases, including Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. Many Republicans op-

posed funding to mitigate future disasters as part of rebuilding projects when Superstorm Sandy funding passed in 2013, only to embrace it now that areas such as suburban Houston need it. Democrats,

for their part, held firm for what ended up as roughly \$1.4 billion for Puerto Rico, letting Trump feud with the U.S. territory's Democratic officials for weeks and deflecting political blame for stalling the bill. □



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## House panel moves toward contempt vote over documents

By MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

House Democrats are moving to hold Trump administration officials in contempt of Congress for failing to comply with subpoenas for documents related to the Trump administration's decision to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census. Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, chairman of the House Oversight Committee, said the panel will vote soon on contempt measures for Attorney General William Barr and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross unless specific documents are received by Thursday.

A contempt vote by the committee would be an escalation of Democratic efforts to use their majority to aggressively investigate the inner workings of President Donald Trump's administration.

The House Judiciary Committee voted last month to hold Barr in contempt of Congress as part of a separate legal battle with the Trump administration over access to special counsel Robert Mueller's report on Russian interference in the 2016 election.

A vote by the full House would be required to hold Barr and Ross in contempt on the census issue. Such a finding would be a political blow but would not result in real punishment since the men are unlikely to go to jail or be arrested.

Cummings said in a statement that the failure of Barr and Ross to respond to the Oversight subpoenas was "part of a pattern" by the administration to engage in a "cover-up" and challenge the authority of Con-



U.S. Attorney General William Barr, right, listens to concerns raised about public safety in rural Alaska during a roundtable discussion at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, in Anchorage, Alaska.

Associated Press

gress to conduct constitutionally required oversight. "This cover-up is being directed from the top," Cummings said, noting that Trump has vowed to fight all subpoenas issued by Congress and refused to work on legislative priorities, such as infrastructure, until Congress halts investigations of his administration. While Trump has suggested that congressional subpoenas are partisan and somehow related to the Russia probe, neither claim is true, Cummings said. "The subpoenas in this investigation were adopted on a bipartisan basis, and this investigation has nothing to do with Russia," he said.

A spokesman for Ross said the Commerce Department has worked in good faith with the committee and delivered nearly 14,000 pages of documents. Ross testified for nearly seven hours earlier this year. "To any objective observer, it is abundantly clear that the committee's intent is not to find facts, but to

desperately and improperly influence the Supreme Court with mere insinuations and conspiracy theories," the spokesman said in an emailed statement. The Supreme Court is considering the citizenship question in a ruling expected later this year.

The committee approved the subpoenas on the census issue in April. Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan was the sole Republican to join with Democrats in the 23-14 vote. Amash later said he supports an impeachment inquiry against Trump. Democrats say they want specific documents to determine why Ross added the citizenship question to the 2020 census. They say the Trump administration has declined to provide the documents despite repeated requests.

Ross told the committee the decision in March 2018 to add the question was based on a Justice Department request to help enforce the Voting Rights Act. □



In this April 5, 2019, file photo, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection vehicle sits near the wall as President Donald Trump visits a new section of the border wall with Mexico in El Centro, Calif.

Associated Press

## Judge rejects Congress' challenge of border wall funding

By ELLIOT SPAGAT and COLLEEN LONG

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Monday denied a House request to prevent President Donald Trump from tapping Defense Department money for his proposed border wall with Mexico, saying Congress lacked authority to sue.

Trump's victory is muted by a federal ruling in California last month that blocked construction of key sections of the wall. The California case was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the Sierra Club and Southern Border Communities Coalition. U.S. District Judge Trevor McFadden, a Trump appointee, wrote that the House's lawsuit was "about whether one chamber of Congress has the 'constitutional means' to conscript the Judiciary in a political turf war with the President over the implementation of legislation."

McFadden said Congress didn't have authority in this case but that he didn't mean to imply the legis-

lative body could never challenge the president in court over separation of powers.

"An old maxim in politics holds that, 'Where you stand depends on where you sit,'" he wrote. "At law too, whether a plaintiff has standing often depends on where he sits. A seat in Congress comes with many prerogatives, but legal standing to superintend the execution of laws is not among them."

The Justice Department welcomed the decision, saying the judge "rightly ruled that the House of Representatives cannot ask the judiciary to take its side in political disputes and cannot use federal courts to accomplish through litigation what it cannot achieve using the tools the Constitution gives to Congress."

Trump declared a national emergency in February after losing a fight with the Democratic-led House that led to a 35-day government shutdown and identified up to \$8.1 billion for wall construction. □

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## Carnival will pay \$20M over pollution from its cruise ships

By CURT ANDERSON  
AP Legal Affairs Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Carnival Corp. reached a settlement Monday with federal prosecutors in which the world's largest cruise line agreed to pay a \$20 million penalty because its ships continued to pollute the oceans despite a previous criminal conviction aimed at curbing similar conduct. Senior U.S. District Judge Patricia Seitz approved the agreement after Carnival CEO Arnold Donald stood up in open court and admitted the company's responsibility for probation violations stemming from the previous environmental case.

"The company pleads guilty," Arnold said six times in a packed courtroom that include other senior Carnival executives, including company chairman and Miami Heat owner Micky Arison.

"We acknowledge the shortcomings. I am here today to formulate a plan to fix them," Arnold added. "The proof will be in the pudding, won't it?" the judge replied. "If you all did not have the environment, you would have nothing to sell."

Carnival admitted violating

terms of probation from a 2016 criminal conviction for discharging oily waste from its Princess Cruise Lines ships and covering it up. Carnival paid a \$40 million fine and was put on five years' probation in that case, which affected all nine of its cruise brands that boast more than 100 ships.

Now Carnival has acknowledged that in the years since its ships have committed environmental crimes such as dumping "gray water" in prohibited places such as Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park and knowingly allowing plastic to be discharged along with food waste in the Bahamas, which poses a severe threat to marine life.

The company also admitted falsifying compliance documents and other administrative violations such as having cleanup teams visit its ships just before scheduled inspections.

Seitz at an earlier hearing threatened to bar Carnival from docking at U.S. ports because of the violations and said she might hold executives individually liable for the probation violations. "The concern I have is that senior management has no skin in the game," Seitz said, adding that future

violations might be met with prison time and criminal fines for individuals. "My goal is to have the defendant change its behavior." Under the settlement, Carnival promised there will be additional audits to check for violations, a restructuring of the company's compliance and training programs, a better system for reporting environmental violations to state and federal agencies and improved waste management practices.

The agreement also would set Sept. 13 and Oct. 9

deadlines to create an improved compliance plan and make other changes, subject to fines of \$1 million per day if those deadlines are not met. If a second round of deadlines are not met, the fines could go up to \$10 million a day. Other proposed changes include a reduction by Carnival in the use of single-use plastic items across its entire fleet and creation of "tiger teams" meant to make improvements in the ships' food and beverage systems and how waste is handled at sea.

Seitz is retiring later this year and is turning over the case to U.S. District Judge Ursula Ungaro, who jointly presided over Monday's hearing. Three people who claimed they were victims of Carnival's environmental violations attended the hearing. Their attorney, Knoll Lowney, expressed skepticism that Carnival will keep its word this time.

"Time and time again, Carnival has shown its contempt of environmental laws and the rule of law," he said.

"Here we are again." □



Protestors with Stand.earth hold a banner in opposition to Carnival Corp. outside of federal court, Monday, June 3, 2019, in Miami.

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# Judge: Federal wagering law only applies to sports gambling

By MICHAEL CASEY

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A federal judge ruled Monday that a law prohibiting interstate wagering applies only to sports gambling, setting aside a Justice Department opinion that some states feared would make online lottery activities including Powerball illegal and put the programs they fund at risk.

Judge Paul Barbadoro's ruling comes in response to a suit filed by the New Hampshire Lottery Commission in February, which said a Justice Department opinion issued last year subjects its employees to prosecution, creates uncertainty about whether it should cease

operations and could cost the state more than \$90 million a year.

Data gathered by The Associated Press shows states would have been at risk of losing \$220 million in net profits annually if the Justice Department had targeted single tickets sold online or more than \$23 billion under the broadest interpretation that would have prohibited all lottery-related activities that use the internet, including popular games like Powerball.

"Today's ruling is a historic victory for the State of New Hampshire and we are proud to have led this effort," Gov. Chris Sununu said in a statement. "New



In this Aug. 22, 2017 file photo signs display lottery prizes in Chicago.

Associated Press

Hampshire stood up, took action, and won — all to protect public education in our state."

A spokesman for the Justice Department said it "is reviewing the decision and declines to comment further at this time."

Matthew D. McGill, who represented the NeoPol-

lard, Interactive, which operates the state's online lottery, said the ruling will not be limited to New Hampshire. Michigan, New Jersey and Pennsylvania filed friend-of-the court briefs in this case.

"Because the court 'set aside' the Justice Department's incorrect re-inter-

pretation of the Wire Act, this ruling has nationwide impact," he said in a statement. "Throughout the country, state lotteries and others in the gaming industry once again can rely on the Justice Department's 2011 opinion that the Wire Act is limited to sports betting." □

## Businessman named in Mueller probe faces child porn charge

By MATTHEW BARAKAT

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A Lebanese-American businessman who worked to advance Saudi Arabia's agenda to the Trump administration and who later provided grand jury testimony to special counsel Robert Mueller about his efforts to connect a Russian banker to members of Trump's transition team has been arrested on charges of transporting a dozen images of child pornography and bestiality.

Federal prosecutors in the Eastern District of Virginia announced that George Nader, 60, was arrested Monday morning at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.

The charges were initially filed in April 2018 but were not made public until his arrest.

Nader's name shows up more than 100 times in Mueller's recently released report. The report describes efforts by and Kirill



This 1998 frame from video provided by C-SPAN shows George Nader, president and editor of Middle East Insight.

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Dmitriev, a Russian banker close to President Vladimir Putin, to have Nader serve as a conduit between him and members of Trump's transition team.

Nader's testimony to the grand jury came after he attended a December 2016 meeting at New York's Trump Tower with presidential son-in-law Jared Kushner, former chief strategist Steve Bannon and Mohammed bin Zayed, crown prince of Abu Dhabi.

A second meeting occurred a month later in the Indian Ocean archipelago of Seychelles and involved Nader, bin Zayed, former Blackwater boss Erik Prince and Dmitriev.

According to the Mueller report, Dmitriev expressed disappointment to Nader about the Seychelles meeting because he did not consider Prince to be an influential member of the Trump team.

In April 2017 Nader — work-

ing as an adviser to the United Arab Emirates, a close Saudi ally — wired \$2.5 million to a top Trump fundraiser, Elliott Broidy, through a company in Canada, The Associated Press reported last year. The goal was to persuade the U.S. to take a hard line against Qatar, a longtime American ally but now a bitter adversary of the UAE.

Magistrate Judge Cheryl Pollak on Monday ordered Nader detained overnight after a federal prosecutor argued that he was a danger to the community and a risk of flight. A bail hearing for Nader is expected to resume Tuesday afternoon.

An affidavit filed in support of the child porn charges against Nader says investigators found 12 separate videos after his phones were seized in January 2018 at Dulles International Airport in Virginia in connection with a search warrant, after he arrived on a flight from Dubai.

The affidavit states that the search warrant, which remains under seal, was in connection with "another matter" unconnected to child pornography.

The videos described in the affidavit show sexual contact involving animals, as well as videos in which children as young as 3 are shown enduring painful abuse.

Joshua Stueve, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, declined to comment on whether the investigation of Nader spun off from Mueller's investigation.

Calls to attorneys who represented Nader in connection with his grand jury testimony were not immediately returned Monday. Nader pleaded guilty to an identical charge in Virginia in 1991. He was also convicted in the Czech Republic by Prague's Municipal Court of 10 cases of sexually abusing minors and sentenced to a one-year prison term in 2003. □



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## California governor won't free Manson follower Van Houten

By DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— California Gov. Gavin Newsom overruled a parole board's decision to free Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten on Monday, marking the third time a governor has stopped the release of the youngest member of Manson's murderous cult.

Van Houten, 69, is still a threat, Newsom said, though she has spent nearly half a century behind bars and received reports of good behavior and testimonials about her rehabilitation.

"While I commend Ms. Van Houten for her efforts at rehabilitation and acknowledge her youth at the time of the crimes, I am concerned about her role in these killings and her potential for future violence," he wrote in his decision. "Ms. Van Houten was an eager participant in the killing of the LaBiancas and played a significant role."

Van Houten was 19 when she and other cult members stabbed to death wealthy Los Angeles grocer Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, in August 1969. She said they carved up Leno LaBianca's body and smeared the couple's blood on the walls.

The slayings came the day after other Manson followers, not including Van Houten, killed pregnant actress Sharon Tate and four others in violence that spread fear throughout Los Angeles and riveted the nation.

No one who took part in the Tate-LaBianca murders has been released from prison. It was the first time Newsom rejected parole for Van Houten, while former Gov. Jerry Brown denied her release twice.

"Nobody wants to put their name on her release, but when they're speaking honestly or off the record, everyone wants her to go home," said Van Houten's attorney, Rich Pfeiffer.

Newsom is "going to have more political aspirations that go well beyond the state of California, and he doesn't want this tagging behind him," he added. "Not a surprise. I would have been shocked if he would have said 'Go home.'"

Earlier this year, Newsom reversed a parole recommendation to free Manson follower Robert Beausoleil for an unrelated murder. Beausoleil was convicted of killing musician Gary Hinman.

Newsom's decision on Van Houten outlined her participation in graphic detail, noting that after the killings, she "drank chocolate milk from the LaBiancas' refrigerator" before fleeing.

"The gruesome crimes perpetuated by Ms. Van Houten and other Manson Family members in an attempt to incite social chaos continue to inspire fear to this day," Newsom wrote. Van Houten is still minimizing her responsibility and Manson's "violent and controlling actions," he said, and she continues to lack insight into her reasons for participating.

Van Houten's lawyer said in January after her latest release recommendation that the parole board found she had taken full responsibility for her role in the killings.

"She chose to go with Manson," Pfeiffer said. "She chose to listen to him. And she acknowledges that." Van Houten has described a troubled childhood that led her to use drugs and hang around with outcasts. When she was 17, she and



In this Sept. 6, 2017, file photo, Leslie Van Houten attends her parole hearing at the California Institution for Women in Corona, Calif.

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a boyfriend ran away to San Francisco during the so-called Summer of Love in 1967.

She later encountered Manson while traveling the coast.

Manson had holed up with his "family" at an abandoned movie ranch on the outskirts of Los Angeles when he launched a plan to spark a race war by committing a series of random, terrifying murders.

Brown rejected parole for Van Houten in 2017

because he said she still blamed the cult leader too much for the murders. A Los Angeles Superior Court judge upheld Brown's decision last year, finding that Van Houten posed "an unreasonable risk of danger

to society."

An appeals court will decide whether to uphold or reject that ruling by the end of July.

"No governor's ever going to let her out," said Pfeiffer, Van Houten's attorney who's pinning his hopes on the appeals court. "They are bound by law to enforce the law independently. They have to do it whether or not it's popular with the public ... and the law is that she should be released."

Manson and his followers were sentenced to death in 1971, though those punishments were commuted to life in prison after the California Supreme Court ruled capital punishment unconstitutional in 1972.

Van Houten's case was overturned on appeal and she was later convicted and sentenced to seven years to life in prison.

Tate's sister, Debra Tate, has routinely shown up to parole and court hearings to oppose the release of any Manson follower. Even though Van Houten didn't take part in her sister's murder, Tate said she didn't deserve release under any circumstances.

Supporters of Van Houten said she had been a model prisoner who mentored dozens of inmates and helped them come to terms with their crimes.

Manson died in 2017 of natural causes at a California hospital while serving a life sentence. □

# Future in doubt for Merkel's German govt after ally quits

By GEIR MOULSON

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel says she won't run for a fifth term, but the departure of a top ally in her often-cantankerous coalition has raised new doubts about whether her government will even survive until the end of her current term in 2021.

Here's a look at the political turmoil in Germany right now:

#### WHAT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT VOTE WROUGHT

Merkel, Germany's leader since 2005, has run the country for most of her tenure in a "grand coalition" of her center-right Union bloc and the center-left Social Democrats. Those traditionally were Germany's biggest parties but their support has eroded, particularly that of the Social Democrats.

On May 26, the center-left Social Democrats had a disastrous result in the European Parliament election,



German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks to media prior to a special closed meeting of her Christian Democratic Union at the party's headquarters in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, June 2, 2019.

Associated Press

dropping to third behind Merkel's conservative bloc and the environmentalist Greens for their worst post-World War II performance in a nationwide vote.

Andrea Nahles announced her resignation Sunday as the Social Democrats'

leader and head of their parliamentary group, paving the way for what could be prolonged uncertainty about the government's future.

#### HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Merkel's fourth-term gov-

ernment took office in March 2018, nearly six months after a national election. The Social Democrats initially vowed to go into opposition after a poor election result, but reluctantly reconsidered.

The coalition has since

become notorious for infighting. First, a spat within Merkel's own bloc over migration. Then an argument erupted over the future of the domestic spy chief, who had appeared to downplay far-right violence against migrants. More recently the two sides have tussled over Social Democratic demands for more generous pensions for low earners.

Support for both coalition partners has fallen, with the Greens in particular benefiting from general discontent and a perception that the government isn't acting decisively enough to fight climate change.

#### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

If the Social Democrats decide that they want to leave the coalition, that would likely lead to an early election, which would end Merkel's nearly 14-year reign. Merkel's bloc alone is far from having a parliamentary majority. □

# Trudeau: Violence against indigenous women often ignored

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Monday the disappearances and deaths of indigenous women in Canada have too often been treated as a low priority or ignored and he promised a national action plan to end the problem. Trudeau was responding to an official inquiry report issued Monday after interviews with 2,380 family members and experts that said the problem was so serious it amounts to a "genocide."

"Time and again, we have heard of their disappearance, violence, or even death being labelled low priority or ignored," Trudeau said. "It is absolutely unacceptable. And it must end."

A Royal Canadian Mounted Police report before the inquiry was formed found that while indigenous women represent about 4.3 percent of the total female population, they account for 16 percent of all female homicide victims.



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks at the closing ceremony for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Gatineau, Canada, Monday, June 3, 2019.

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That study reviewed cases from 1980 to 2013 and found 1,181 First Nations women fell into the missing or murdered category — almost double earlier estimates. Of those women,

164 were missing and 1,017 murdered.

"To the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls of Canada, to their families, and to survivors — We have failed you"

Trudeau said. "But we will fail you no longer."

Michèle Audette, one of the commissioners of the inquiry, said they heard from women and family members that the justice

system does not work for indigenous people. "They don't matter when they go through that system," Audette said.

Audette said she was disappointed Trudeau didn't use the word "genocide," and said, "I was hoping he would have that courage." But chief inquiry commissioner Marion Buller said they didn't need Trudeau to use the word.

"We often think of genocide as the holocaust and the killings in Africa and elsewhere and of course that is genocide, and of course that is tragedy, but that type of genocide we have in Canada is ... death by a million paper cuts for generations," Buller said.

The report said police and the justice system need to acknowledge that the historical and current relationship with Indigenous people has been largely defined by "colonialism, racism, bias, discrimination, and fundamental cultural and societal differences." □

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## Morocco claims success in slowing migrant voyages to Europe

By AMIRA EL MASAITI

Associated Press

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — Morocco is claiming new success in lowering the number of migrant crossings into Europe as the country works with its northern neighbor, Spain, in securing more European funding for curbing migration.

Foreign Affairs Minister Nasser Bourita said the number of crossings dropped 40% compared to the same month last year in the Western Mediterranean route, which last year became the main entry point into Europe.

Departures have dropped

significantly since the beginning of 2019, with Rabat claiming that its security forces have dismantled 60 trafficking networks and stopped more than 30,000 crossing attempts.

Authorities refuse to comment on the fate of migrants stopped. In addition to Moroccans or Algerians, great numbers come from poorer sub-Saharan African countries.

Officials have repeatedly said the country can't be Europe's migration police, putting pressure on northern neighbors to provide funds to manage the crisis. Spain is reportedly seeking 50 million euros (nearly \$56



Spanish foreign minister Josep Borrell, left, and Moroccan Minister of Foreign Affairs International Cooperation, Nasser Bourita, right, attend a press conference after holding talks during the former's visit to Rabat, Morocco, Monday, June 3, 2019.

Associated Press

million) from the EU budget for Rabat, which would be in addition to 130 million euros promised last year.

"We are very satisfied with our partnership with Spain," Bourita told reporters on Monday, as he stood by

Spain's foreign minister, Josep Borrell, who was on a one-day visit to Morocco. Borrell said the funds provided to Rabat to date are "insufficient, but more significant than in the past."

"Morocco helps us. We are not giving the country gifts," said Borrell, who is one of the candidates to become the EU's next top diplomat. "It's a cooperation that enables the two parties find a common interest."

An Islamist parliamentarian from the city of Tiznit complained in a letter to Morocco's Interior Ministry last week about the "negative effects" of the policies on the city. □

## Italian PM to coalition leaders: Stop squabbling or I quit

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte on Monday threatened to resign unless the two parties in the coalition government set aside their differences and continue working on the government program.

Conte made the ultimatum during a news conference that was carried live on Italian TV.

He was responding to increasing tensions between the right-wing League and the populist 5-Star Move-

ment, the parties that formed a coalition government after national elections last year.

Conte, a university professor who was a political novice until the parties agreed to make him premier, said League leader Matteo Salvini and 5-Star leader Luigi Di Maio must stop squabbling or he will offer his resignation.

He demanded a "clear, unequivocal and also fast" answer from the two, "because the country cannot wait." Salvini responded

on Twitter, saying "We are ready, we want to continue and we don't have time to waste."

There was no immediate comment from Di Maio. Salvini and Di Maio have been at odds over a range of issues, including taxes, security and a high-speed railway line to France. Tensions rose in the runup to last month's European Parliament elections, in which Salvini's party ultimately made strong gains and the 5-Star Movement lost support. □



Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte talks to reporters during a press conference he held at Chigi Palace government's office, in Rome, Monday, June 3, 2019.

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# Top North Korean official reappears days after purge report

By KIM TONG-HYUNG

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— A senior North Korean official who had been reported to be sentenced to hard labor over the failed nuclear summit with Washington was shown in state media on Monday enjoying a concert near leader Kim Jong Un.

North Korean publications on Monday showed Kim Yong Chol sitting five seats away from a clapping Kim Jong Un in the same row along with other top officials during a musical performance by the wives of Korean People's Army officers.

A report by Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency named Kim Yong Chol among the attendees of the event, which it said "impressively represented the ideological and mental features of KPA officers' wives, who make every moment of their life honorable with ardent yearning for the leader."

Kim Yong Chol has been North Korea's top nuclear negotiator and the counterpart of U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo since Kim Jong Un entered nu-



In this March 1, 2019, file photo, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, right, accompanied by Kim Yong Chol, left, vice chairman of Workers' Party of Korea, meets Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, chairwoman of Vietnam's National Assembly, at the National Assembly in Hanoi, Vietnam.

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clear talks with the U.S. early last year. He traveled to Washington and met President Donald Trump twice before Kim's two summits with Trump.

Negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang have been at a standstill since February, when the second summit

between Trump and Kim broke down over what the United States described as excessive North Korean demands for sanctions relief in exchange for only a partial surrender of its nuclear capabilities.

Last week, South Korean newspaper Chosun Ilbo cited an unidentified source

in reporting that Kim Yong Chol had been sentenced to hard labor and ideological re-education over the failed summit in Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. The newspaper also reported that senior envoy Kim Hyok Chol, who was involved in pre-summit working-level talks with American offi-

cials, was executed with four other officials from the North's Foreign Ministry for betraying Kim Jong Un after being won over by the United States.

None of the allegedly executed officials have appeared in state media since the report.

But as ever with North Korea, a country that closely guards its secrets, there are reasons to be cautious about the purported purge. South Korea's government and media have a mixed record on tracking developments among North Korea's ruling elite, made difficult by Pyongyang's stringent control of information about them.

When asked about Kim Yong Chol's reappearance in public, Lee Sang-min, spokesman for Seoul's Unification Ministry, which deals with inter-Korean affairs, said the ministry would not comment on a "specific internal event in North Korea or its participants." Seoul's spy service has said it could not confirm Friday's report of a possible purge, while the presidential Blue House cautioned against "hasty judgments or comments." □

# Afghan officials: bus bombing in capital kills 5



Security personnel inspect the site of a blast in Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, June 3, 2019. Afghan officials say at least one person has been killed when a sticky bomb attacked into a bus detonated in the capital Kabul.

Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —** A bomb attached into a bus carrying Afghan government workers has killed at least five people and wounded 10 others in the capital, Kabul, Afghan of-

ficials said Monday. Wahidullah Mayar, spokesman for the public health ministry, said the numbers could still rise. Nasrat Rahimi, spokesman for the interior ministry, said the em-

ployees belong to the Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission.

Ahmad Shah, an eyewitness at the scene of the attack, said: "Five to seven bodies were on the street, a few of them were martyred and others were wounded." He said some of the victims were "burning inside the bus — no one was able to enter."

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but both Taliban and Islamic State militants are active in Kabul and have staged attacks there.

Afghan president Ashraf Ghani strongly condemned the attack in a statement sent by the presidential palace.

A wave of attacks has rocked the Afghan capi-

tal over the last week. Four bombings on Sunday killed at least two people and wounded 27, and were preceded by deadly suicide bombings on Thursday and Friday.

Monday's attack took place as the Afghan interior ministry has announced that Kabul is under tight security ahead of this week's Eid-al-Fitr holiday, which marks the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

Last June, the Taliban accepted a three-day ceasefire over the Eid al-Fitr holiday, a first for the group, but this year the Taliban have rejected any truce with the Afghan forces. In another development, the Taliban have abducted four members of the Helmand Peace Convoy, a group of dozens of Afghans

trekking across the country on foot calling for an end to the war.

Members of the convoy said Taliban militants came to speak with them on Sunday night while the group was in southern Helmand province, an area largely under Taliban control. The convoy members said the Taliban took four of them as representatives for further discussions, and they have not been heard from since. A Taliban spokesman had no information about the event.

The peace convoy march its began in the capital of Helmand province, Lashkar Gah, and has been walking for over a year through different provinces. The protest march began with a group of nine men and picked up supporters during the long journey. □

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## Sudan troops move to crush pro-democracy camp, killing 30

By BASSAM HATOUM

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Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)

— Sudan's ruling military moved to crush the protest movement opposing its grip on power as security forces overran the main sit-in site in the capital early Monday, unleashing furious volleys of gunfire, burning down tents and killing at least 30 people, witnesses and protest leaders said.

With the assault, the generals signaled an end of their tolerance of the pro-democracy demonstrators, who for months have been camped outside the military's headquarters as the two sides negotiated over who would run the country after the April ouster of longtime strongman Omar al-Bashir.

After they succeeded in forcing the military to remove al-Bashir, the protesters had stayed in the streets, demanding the generals move to the background and allow civilians to lead the transition.

The dispersal of the sit-in now risks escalating violence even further. Scattered by the bloody assault, protesters vowed to keep up their campaign, suspending talks and calling for a general strike and civil disobedience. They urged nighttime marches across the country.

"This is a critical point in our revolution. The military council has chosen escalation and confrontation," said Mohammed Yousef al-Mustafa, a spokesman for the Sudanese Professionals' Association, which has spearheaded the protests.

"Those are criminals who



A protester wearing a Sudanese flag flashes the victory sign in front of burning tires and debris on road 60, near Khartoum's army headquarters, in Khartoum, Sudan, Monday, June 3, 2019.

Associated Press

should have been treated like al-Bashir," he said. "Now the situation is either them or us, there is no other way." The ruling military council said in a statement that security forces had been trying to clear an area adjacent to the protest camp when those it was chasing fled into the sit-in site, leading to the shooting deaths and injuries.

But activists said the assault appeared to be a coordinated move, with other forces attacking similar sit-ins in Khartoum's sister city of Omdurman and the eastern city of al-Qadarif. The attack came on the day before the Eid holiday that ends Ramadan, the holy month when Muslims fast during daylight hours. Large numbers of troops from the military, police

and Rapid Support Forces — an elite unit that during the anti-al-Bashir protests had vowed to protect the sit-in — moved in on the gathering after overnight rains, activists said.

"They are surrounding the sit-in from all directions," one activist, Amal al-Zein, said early in the assault, in which the forces burned tents and arrested those trying to flee.

An Associated Press journalist heard gunshots and explosions, and saw buses and soldiers on foot blocking roads leading to the protest site. In online videos, protesters were seen running and ducking as barrages of gunfire echoed. Smoke rose from tires set ablaze by the protesters.

Demonstrators stood behind low barricades of

bricks and dug-up pavement, and some threw stones before being driven back by walls of blue-clad security forces carrying sticks. One video showed police swarming around a protester sprawled on the ground, beating him with sticks. In another video, residents opened their doors to shelter those who ran.

The Sudan Doctors' Committee put the death toll at 30 and said it was rising, although it was difficult to count in the area outside the military complex in Khartoum. Hundreds of people were wounded, many by gunfire, the group said.

Medical personnel and wounded were trapped in clinics as troops overran the area.

"Wounded people are ly-

ing on the ground in the reception area as there are not enough beds," said Dr. Azza al-Kamel of the Royal Care hospital.

Hundreds were arrested, according to al-Zein and another activist, Hisham Shalabi. Photos posted online showed dozens of men and women lined up on the pavement, sitting or lying face down, under guard by troops.

The assault ended the sit-in at the heart of the movement that echoed the 2011 Arab Spring uprisings — although Sudan's sought to learn from the mistakes of other protesters. Its leaders insisted that the removal of al-Bashir after 30 years in power was not enough. Tens of thousands remained in place in Khartoum and other camps around the country, demanding a fast transition to civilian rule.

The negotiations had imposed a degree of peace. But tensions mounted in recent weeks as the talks yielded little progress. The talks focus on the makeup of a transitional "sovereignty council" that would run the country for the next three years. Protesters demand the military have only limited involvement in the council, but the ruling generals have resisted relinquishing power.

Just over a week ago, Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, the head of the military council that is ruling Sudan, met with his two top allies, the president of Egypt and the crown prince of the United Arab Emirates. Those leaders backed al-Bashir's removal and have given strong support to the military council. □

## In Venezuela, criminals feel the pinch of an economic crisis

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— The feared street gangster El Negrito sleeps with a pistol under his pillow and says he's lost track of his murder count. But despite his hardened demeanor, he's quick to gripe about how Venezuela's failing economy is cutting into his profits.

Firing a gun has become a luxury. Bullets are expensive at \$1 each. And with less cash circulating on the street, he says robberies just don't pay like they used to. For the 24-year-old, that has all given way to a simple fact: Even for Venezuelan criminals it's become harder to get by.

"If you empty your clip, you're shooting off \$15," said El Negrito, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition he be identified only by his street name and photographed wearing a hoodie and face mask to avoid attracting unwelcomed attention. "You lose your pistol or the police take it and you're throwing away \$800."

In something of an unexpected silver lining to the country's all-consuming economic crunch, experts say armed assaults and killings are plummeting in one of the world's most violent nations. At the Venezuelan Observatory of Violence, a Caracas-based non-profit group, researchers estimate homicides have plunged up to 20% over



A masked gangster who goes by the nickname "El Negrito" poses for a portrait with his gun inside his gang's safe-house in the Petare slum of Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, May 13, 2019.

Associated Press

the last three years based on tallies from media clippings and sources at local morgues.

Officials of President Nicolás Maduro's socialist administration have drawn criticism for not releasing robust crime statistics, but the government on Tuesday gave the AP figures showing a 39 percent drop in homicides over the same three-year period, with 10,598 killings in 2018. Officials also report a fall in kidnappings.

The decline has a direct link to the economic tailspin that has helped spark

a political battle for control of the once-wealthy oil nation.

Soaring inflation topped 1 million percent last year, making the local bolívar nearly useless even though ATM machines have been unable to dispense more than a dollar's worth of scrip anyway. The severe scarcity of food and medicine has driven some 3.7 million to seek better prospects in places like Colombia, Panama and Peru — the majority of them young males from whom gangs recruit. And workdays are frequently curtailed due to

nationwide strikes.

But as the country descends into a state of lawlessness, many Venezuelans who turn to crime find themselves subject to the same chaos that has led to a broader political and social meltdown.

Critics blame 20 years of the socialist revolution launched by the late President Hugo Chávez, who expropriated once-thriving businesses that today produce a fraction of their potential under government management.

Earlier this year, opposition leader Juan Guaidó

launched a bold campaign with the support of the U.S. and more than 50 nations to oust Maduro, who succeeded Chávez. However, Guaidó has yet to make good on his promises to restore democracy, spark a robust economy and make the streets safer. As a result of the chaos, crime has not so much disappeared as simply morphed in form. While assaults are down, reports of theft and pilfering of everything from copper telephone wires to livestock are surging. Meanwhile, drug trafficking and illegal gold mining have become default activities for organized crime.

When night falls, streets in Caracas clear as most residents abide by an undeclared curfew out of fear for their safety. Despite the significant drop in killings, Venezuelans tend not to gaze at their cellphones in the streets. Many leave gold and silver wedding rings in secure places at home, while others have grown accustomed to checking whether they are being followed.

"Venezuela remains one of the most violent countries in the world," said Dorothy Kronick, who teaches political science at the University of Pennsylvania and has carried out extensive research in Caracas' slums. "It has wartime levels of violence — but no war." □

## Argentines protest violence against women in large marches



A woman's mask is covered with the Spanish phrase: "Enough killing," during a protest against gender violence in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Monday, June 3, 2019.

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Thousands of Argentines took to the streets nationwide Monday to protest violence against women.

The marches coincided with the fourth anniversary of the founding of the activist group Ni Una Menos, or Not One Less. The Argentine grassroots movement has mobilized to fight gender-based violence and has spread to other countries.

"In these four years we've gained, and every time (the movement) is larger

and more organized," said Verónica Gago, a movement activist. "You can see it in these marches ... and in the everyday organization at each workplace, in each university, in each school. It's in the debates among families and especially among the younger generations."

Ni Una Menos was created by 20 artists, journalists and activists in 2015 after outrage over a brutal string of murders. They began by organizing public readings about violence against women with family members of victims.

But when Chiara Paez, a 14-year-old pregnant girl, was killed by her boyfriend in May 2015, the organizers felt it was enough. The first call to protest started with a tweet by local radio journalist Marcela Ojeda: "Women: are we not going to raise our voices? THEY'RE KILLING US!"

The public outcry that followed on social media inspired the first march on June 3, 2015. That day, millions took to the streets of cities across Argentina, making headlines and triggering a nationwide conversation. □

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## Aruba Airport's Gateway 2030 project stepping into the next phase: Five international construction companies to bid for the Gateway 2030 expansion project of the Main Building Contract



ORANJESTAD – Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) together with its project partners have finalized the design and tender documents for the main terminal construction, and completed the prequalification for the contract bids for the main terminal construction. The preparation works and relocation and upgrading of the airport's main utilities are well underway, and the next phase will complete the remaining planning process and move the project into a full-construction stage.

The results of the prequalification process for the Main Building construction contract has been completed and the following five companies will be participating in the tendering process; Aecon Group Inc., Ballast Nedam Inter-

national Projects B.V., Bam International B.V., Bouygues Batiment International, and Tav Tepe Akfe Construction & Operation Co. The selected contractor will be responsible for the construction of the terminal expansion, as well as the roadway and parking lot changes and upgrades. The Tender Documents and all technical drawings have been delivered on May 31st, site visits are planned for mid to

late June, and final submittals are expected to be received in mid-September.

"We are excited about this next step in the Gateway 2030 project. The participation of these experienced international construction companies will provide the know-how and expertise needed to effectively execute our construction program, and also provide oppor-

tunities and partnerships with local subcontractors to work alongside these companies and allow for much needed local employment opportunities. The 34.000 m<sup>2</sup> terminal expansion, with an estimated 4-year construction time, will ultimately provide the capacity and service upgrades necessary for the growing volume of passengers that travel through our airport every day.

We are very pleased with the experience and expertise of the prequalified construction companies participating in the tender, and we're confident the process will conclude with a good result, and we look forward to the next step in building our highly anticipated infrastructure project at Aruba Airport," said AAA CEO Mr. James Fazio. □



## The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors at Playa Linda Beach Resort

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## The Bay at Sabaneta

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There are traditions enough and to spare about Aruba's history. According to one of them, there is supposed to have been a Commander Jahrman, who was so cruel as to force the native arubans to carry cactuses, in the manner of guns, on their naked shoulders. One has to admit that this does not seem pleasant to the skin. But the people are supposed to have tied Jahrman to a horse and rider perishing there. Another account known is that they put Jahrman under a spell so that made him jump on his horse of his own will and spurred into the sea with the same result. The bay is alleged to have been called Commanders'Bay ever since.



Pic. 1. Graphic recreation of the bay at Savaneta.

The name Sabaneta did not originate before the latter part of the previous century. That the natives had gotten rid of a certain man on horseback at this spot would not be a surprise. However that this event gave the bay its name is totally unfounded. The bay got its name from the Commanders who had their residence there. The thing is that the story coincidentally matches the name in Papiamento which meant, "Commander go a way". The Commanders lived in the only stone house, known at that time, to be found on Aruba.

Old documents quoted historians saying that no Commander Jahrman is known. Evidently he means that no Commander Jahrman is known from the time the commander settled on the bay. In 1837 Aruba does get a Commander Jacobus Jarman, without h, but then the capital city of Oranjestad already exists. This Jarman has no connection with Commanders' Bay. This bay did not receive its name because

of a commander being chased into the water there, but because of the fact that the commanders were living on its shore until the close of the eighteenth century. Historical evidence about the man-handling or violent death of Aruba's governors is in abeyance. But it is an incontrovertible historical fact that the chiefs of our island used to live for centuries before the colonial era on this southern coast. Commanders' Bay, consequently became the neighbourhood that is now called Sabaneta, for a least a some centuries. For proof we appeal to traditions, it is true, but only to be confirmed

Each week we share the most interesting and revealing articles regarding Aruba, a destination to be explored, we can find, and so doing uncover amazing and informative stories along the way.



Pic. 5. A caricature of the commandeur riding in to the sea.

by official documents. In a manuscript by Father H.J.de Vries from 1853 the following may be read: "On Commanders' Bay, situated at a three hours' distance east of the Playa, that later became Oranjestad. There stood but one stone house: the commander's; in the wilderness

one still encounteres masoned graves, in a state of decay, of him and his family." This time the Rev. Bosch is justified in noting down about 1825 another piece of information which he received by word of mouth from the Native Arubans:

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Pic. 2. The VOC seal.



Pic.3. Graphic recreation of the Bay at Savaneta

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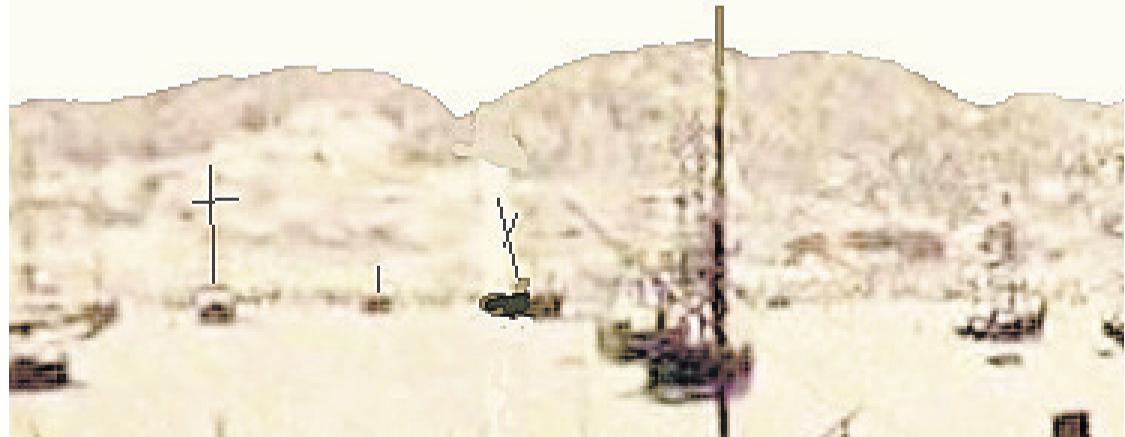
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"Formerly the commander and his household used to live on Commanders' Bay, which still bear his title. It is situated a few miles mere eastward. They only mark of there having been once on its shore the principal residence of the island I found to be some graves, masoned round an lying close together, which, according to the names and dates inscribed, appeared to be a centuries old."

There's one document removing the last vestige of doubt. In the Public Record Office, Letters and Documents relating to Curacao, there is in the volume Protocols of 1727, under No. 112, a sworn declaration by Paulus Printz, manager of the Aruban mountain-

workings (mines), and Wouter Droncker and Isaac van den Woestijne, master and boatswain of the schooner Elizabeth & Martha, in which they deposite that their ship was seized in Aruba roads by two Spanish vessels, The Young Balthasar and the Colebra. From this document of 1727, which will later be of importance in another connection, we quote the following particulars: The last two witnesses affirm upon oath: "that they were sent to Aruba by order of His Honour the Director to fetch from there the manager of the mountain-works, Mr. Paulus Printz, together with the materials and slaves of the Honourable Company, and to transport the necessary victuals to the above



Pic.3. Graphic recreation of the Bay at Savaneta

island", and that, while they were there, "on the 16 th of July there arrive off Commanders' Harbour two Spanish privateers," etc. etc. After having related divers particulars one of the

witnesses deposed as follows: "The Spanish captains forced the commander to send some one to his house to fetch the letters which he had received from His Honour the Governor of

Curacao, and to deliver them up to them intact, the which was done" □

This story will continue in the next episode

## Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort participates in AHATA's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Clean-Up

EAGLE BEACH – Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort proudly participated in this year's AHATA Coastal Clean-up. Over 60 participants included staff and management, guests and EPI students of Ciencia y Tecnologia.

Every year during Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, hundreds of thousands of volunteers comb lakes, rivers and beaches around the world for trash. For over three decades, more than 12 million volunteers have collected over 220 million pounds of trash.

This year, as part of this worldwide effort, AHATA organized its 18th Annual Coastal Clean-up Day with 800 participants cleaning 14 different

locations of Aruban Beaches and shore line.

"In addition to maintaining pristine, natural beaches for the community and tourists to enjoy, it is important for wildlife that trash does not impede their survival. If a hatchling turtle should walk into a plastic cup or other debris on its way to the ocean, it may not survive. Conditions prior to the cleanup on the northcoast made this scenario likely" explains Sustainability Manager Nathaly Stanley

All students and teachers received a signature Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort reusable water canteen as a gift for their efforts, a gift that is made available for all guests at the resort to eliminate the use of plastic bottles.



"At Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort we feel it is our responsibility to help clean-up our beaches. In Aruba we are in the nature business, because without our beautiful natural surroundings there would not be any tourism", says Ewald Biemans, owner/CEO of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort.

Every third Wednesday of the month for 24 consecutive years, Bucuti & Tara conducts a beach clean-up on Eagle Beach where guests enthusiastically join management and staff to contribute and give back in their appreciation for their Aruban experience. "We hope our actions, AHATA's actions and the world's environmental preservation movements set an example for our community to appreciate Aruba's natural beauty as a precious gift that we must preserve for all of our future generations." States Biemans. □



## The Central Bank of Aruba announces the official emission of the new 2019 series florin banknotes

ORANJESTAD — After an extensive promotion campaign to make the general public familiar with the security features prior to the emission hereof, the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) officially emitted the 2019 series florin banknotes on June 3, 2019 by presenting the first set of banknotes to Mrs. Xiomara Ruiz-Maduro, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, and Culture. Starting June 4, 2019, the public can obtain the new 2019 series florin banknotes at the commercial banks and can use them for making payments.

The timeline for the emission of the new 2019 series florin banknotes is as follows:

- **June 3, 2019**

Official emission of the new 2019 series florin banknotes

- **June 4 - August 11, 2019**

Co-circulation of the 2003 series and the new 2019 series florin banknotes (10 weeks)

- **August 12, 2019**

The 2003 series florin banknotes are taken out of circulation and are no longer legal tender

- **June 4 - December 4, 2019**

Exchange of the 2003 series for the new 2019 series florin banknotes can only take place at the commercial banks (6 months)

- **December 5, 2019 - August 12, 2049**

Exchange of the 2003 series for the new 2019 series florin banknotes can only take place at the CBA (30 years)

With the introduction of the 2019 banknote series, the CBA aims to main-



tain confidence in the Aruban florin and contribute in promoting the uniqueness and beauty of Aruba's flora, fauna, cultural heritage, monuments, and landmarks. For future generations to be able to appreciate these as well, it is of utmost importance to continue to promote public awareness for the adequate preservation and conservation hereof.

In the coming months, the CBA will continue to conduct extensive information campaigns through various media channels, such as newspapers, radios, TV, and CBA's Facebook, Instagram and website in order to provide the public at large with important information about the new 2019 series florin banknotes. Furthermore, the CBA will hold information sessions for targeted groups and will provide information materials at the MFA's, the national library, schools, post offices, and commercial banks. With regard to information sessions, the CBA will publish the dates, time, and venues in newspapers, as well as on its Facebook, Instagram, and website. □

## SPORTS



Jeongeun Lee6 of South Korea, is congratulated and holds the championship trophy after winning the final round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament, Sunday, June 2, 2019, in Charleston, S.C.

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## South Korea's Jeongeun Lee6 is No. 1 at U.S. Women's Open

By PETE IACOBELLI

AP Sports Writer

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)

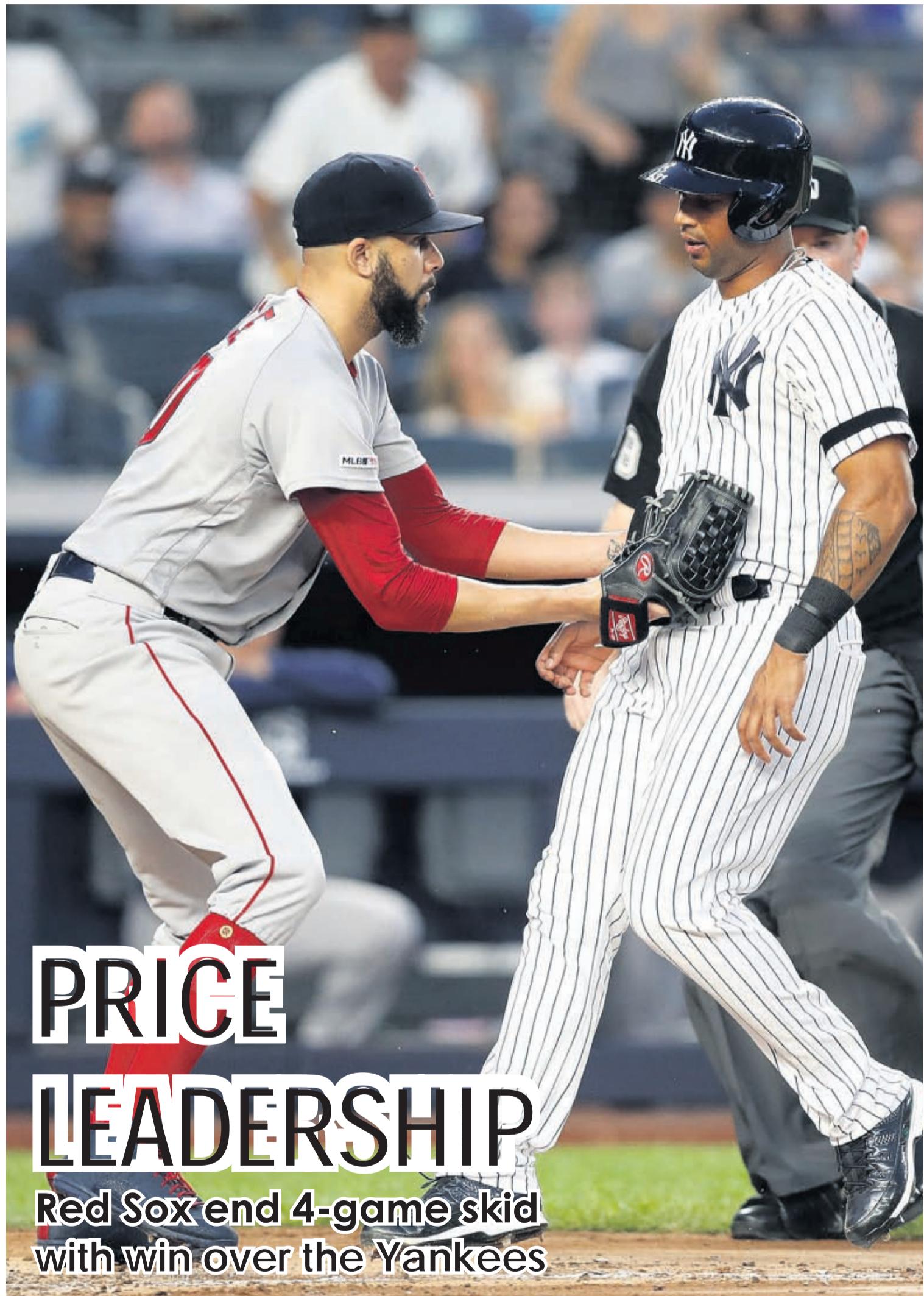
— Six is certainly a magic number for U.S. Women's Open champion Jeongeun Lee6.

The 23-year-old South Korean won her first major title Sunday, the first \$1 million women's winner's check ever handed out by the USGA and her first victory as an LPGA Tour rookie. And she did by shooting 1-under 70 at Country Club of Charleston to finish at, naturally, 6-under 278.

"This is kind of really interesting how I finished 6 under at an LPGA tournament," Lee6 said through an interpreter. "So, this is really lucky number to me."

Lee6 has the number in her name because she was the sixth player with the name on the Korean LPGA.

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Boston Red Sox starting pitcher David Price delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

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# She was just 17: Anisimova 1st born in 2000s into Slam QF

PARIS (AP) — To Amanda Anisimova, it seems "like, forever ago" that she was playing in the French Open main draw for the first time. For the record: It's been all of two years.

Ah, to be young again. Still only 17, and ranked 51st, the precocious American with the quick-strike strokes and self-described "effortless shots" became the first player born in the 2000s to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal, overwhelming Aliona Bolsova of Spain 6-3, 6-0 at Roland Garros on Monday and earning the right to face defending champion Simona Halep next.

Anisimova, born in New Jersey and based in Florida, is the youngest U.S. player to get to the round of eight in Paris since Jennifer Capriati in 1993, the youngest from any country since 2006.

Not that she's keeping track, mind you.

"I have no idea about who did what at what age. People tell me, and then I just forget after a second. I don't really care about it too much," said Anisimova, the words flying out of her mouth with the same sort of pace that tennis balls zoom off her racket. "I'm in the present and I want to do good and I hope for good results, but I don't really think about how old I am."

Now she will take on the 27-year-old Halep, the No.



Amanda Anisimova of the U.S. plays a shot against Spain's Aliona Bolsova during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday, June 3, 2019.

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3 seed, who dispatched another teenager, Iga Swiatek of Poland, by a 6-1, 6-0 score Monday.

When someone asked about going from an 18-year-old opponent in Swiatek to Anisimova, Halep's initial reply was: "I feel old."

"To play against someone 10 years younger than me, that's not easy. But I feel stronger on court," she went on to say. "They're young. They have nothing to lose. So every match is tough."

Halep is one of only two women left in the draw who already own a major

title. The other quarterfinal matchup on her half is No. 8 Ash Barty of Australia against No. 14 Madison Keys of the U.S.

In Tuesday's quarterfinals on the other half of the bracket, 2017 U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens meets No. 26 Johanna Konta of Britain, and No. 31 Petra Martic of Croatia faces 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic.

In the men's quarterfinals, it'll be No. 3 Roger Federer vs. No. 24 Stan Wawrinka, and No. 2 Rafael Nadal vs. No. 7 Kei Nishikori on

Tuesday, followed by No. 1 Novak Djokovic vs. No. 5 Alexander Zverev, and No. 4 Dominic Thiem vs. No. 10 Karen Khachanov on Wednesday.

Stephens, the runner-up to Halep in Paris a year ago, joins Keys and Anisimova to give the United States a trio of French Open quarterfinalists for the first time since Capriati and the two Williams sisters made it that far in 2004.

If Halep's first attempt to defend a Grand Slam trophy got off to a shaky start with a pair of three-setters, she is really rounding into

form now. She has ceded a total of four games over the past two rounds.

"You have to enjoy the moment," Halep said.

The key to her success has been remarkable returning: She has won 70% of her opponents' service games, 30 of 43, which not only leads the tournament but reads as if it's a misprint.

On the other hand, her own serving has been an issue, tied for 49th in the 128-player draw at a 65% hold rate.

The 5-foot-11 (1.80-meter) Anisimova, meanwhile, takes balls early, not waiting for a full bounce, and uses her strong shots to dictate points and wrong-foot her opponents.

"She just showed up," said Bolsova, a qualifier ranked 137th. "She took the initiative."

Before heading out for their match, Anisimova watched Halep play and took notes.

"I was, like, 'Oh, my God, her backhand down the line is so good and she was taking her time,'" Anisimova said, "and then I think I was mimicking it in my match." To Anisimova, this feels as if it's the next natural step in what's been a fast progression.

This is only her fourth Grand Slam appearance — she reached the fourth round at the Australian Open in January. □



Minnesota United goalkeeper Vito Mannone, right, dives for the ball as it goes into the goal on a penalty kick by Philadelphia Union midfielder Jamiro Monteiro, foreground, in the first half of an MLS soccer match in St. Paul, Minn., Sunday, June 2, 2019.

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By The Associated Press  
CARSON, Calif. (AP) — Christian Penilla and Teal Bunbury scored to help the

New England Revolution beat the Los Angeles Galaxy 2-1 on Sunday night. Carles Gil had two assists

## Penilla, Bunbury lead Revolution to 2-1 win over Galaxy

for New England (4-8-4), which won for just the second time since beating the New York Red Bulls 1-0 on April 20.

Gil, on the left side, flicked it to Penilla on the edge of the box where he took a dribble before rifling a low right-footer that was nearly stopped by goalkeeper David Bingham before trickling into the back of the net to open the scoring in the 45th minute.

After a turnover by the Galaxy near midfield, Gil's

through ball led Bunbury toward the top of the box, where he side-footed it past the charging Bingham and just inside the post to make it 2-0 in the 60th. It was Bunbury's first goal since Aug. 4.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic capped the scoring with a bicycle kick from the center of the area in the 84th minute.

The Galaxy (9-6-1) had the two-game win streak snapped and have lost five of their last seven.

UNION 3, MINNESOTA UNIT-

### ED 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Austin Trusty scored in 86th minute and Philadelphia beat Minnesota to take the Eastern Conference lead. Trusty beat defender Brent Kallman to Ibsinho's volley, made a deft stop and beat goalkeeper Vito Mannone to the loose ball.

Jamiro Monteiro and Haris Medunjanin also scored for the Union (8-4-4). Hassani Dotson and Kevin Molino scored for Minnesota (6-6-3). □

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## WOMEN'S OPEN

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She has embraced the number, answering to it and writing a large "6" on her balls. Her South Korean fan club is called "Lucky 6." Jeongeun Lee5 tied for 34th at 4 over, 10 shots behind Lee6.

Lee6 opened a three-shot lead with three holes to play before facing some nerves with bogeys on the 16th and 18th holes to tighten things up. But when third-round co-leader Celine Boutier's blast from a greenside bunker on the 72nd hole rolled off the green, Lee6 had the biggest win of her life.

"I didn't even expect to win the tournament this fast," Lee6 said. "I think this is very lucky that I won this major championship tournament." Lee6, playing two groups ahead of Boutier, was practicing putts when the Frenchwoman could not make the sand shot. Lee6 bent down in joy when her victory was secure, countrywoman and 2011 U.S. Women's Open

winner So Yeon Ryu coming over to embrace the new champion.

"I felt pretty nervous starting on the holes 16, 17, and 18 after opening the large lead," Lee6 said. "But I tried the best that I can."

The victory came a few days after Tiger Woods' former swing coach, Hank Haney, made disparaging remarks about women's golf by predicting a "Korean" would win and "I'd go with Lee."

Haney was suspended for his comments on his PGA Tour SiriusXM radio show when asked who'd win. "I'd go with Lee," Haney said. "If I didn't have to name a first name, I'd get a bunch of them right." Haney was suspended for his remarks. Haney sent Tweets on Sunday night congratulating Lee6 and saying his prediction was based on statistics and facts. "Korean women are absolutely dominating the LPGA Tour. If you asked me again, my answer would be the same but worded more carefully." Lee6 said her focus had

been fully on the tournament. Because she hasn't mastered English, "I didn't really understand him that much, so I didn't really think about it," she said.

Boutier made a double bogey on the final hole to fall into a tie for fifth at 3 under. She shot 75. Lexi Thompson, Ryu and Angel Yin tied for second, two shots behind. Thompson shot 73, Ryu 70 and Yin 68.

Boutier tried to get on No. 18 in two. "And then if I made the putt, then it would be best," she said. "But I missed the green, so ..."

Gerina Piller, Jaye Marie Green, Mamiko Higa of Japan, and third-round co-leaders Yu Liu of China and Boutier tied for fifth. Piller was the only under par at 68. Higa and Liu shot 74s. Boutier and Liu, the good friends and former Duke teammates, figured to fight for the title. Instead, both threw away chances early as they combined for three bogeys and a double bogey on the first three holes. Thompson began the round a shot off the lead



Jeongeun Lee6 of South Korea, lines up a putt on the 14th green during the final round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament, Sunday, June 2, 2019, in Charleston, S.C.

Associated Press

in search for a second career major. But she too struggled early with bogeys on the first, third and fourth holes to drop off the pace. "It was a bit of a rough day," Thompson said. "I got off to a pretty bad start. Just overall wasn't as comfortable, I guess, over my shots." Lee6 is hardly a surprise winner. She came in ranked 17th in the world and has won six times on the KLPGA Tour. She tied for fifth in this event in her 2017 debut and has three top 10s on the LPGA Tour this season. "So looking at her as a rookie to play this tournament so well, I'm really proud of her as a fellow competitor and same country girl as well," Ryu said. Higa faded in the final round after being a major contender at her first U.S. Women's Open. She set the tournament mark for lowest debut with her opening 65. She was a stroke in front through 36 holes and only a shot behind when the final round began. □

## Price finally solves Yankees as Red Sox win 8-5 to stop skid



New York Yankees catcher Austin Romine, left, watches as Boston Red Sox pinch hitter Brock Holt follows his infield single during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees, Sunday, June 2, 2019, in New York. Boston Red Sox Eduardo Nunez scored on the play.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — David Price finally won at Yankee Stadium for the first time with the Boston Red Sox, backed by early homers from J.D. Martinez and Xander Bogaerts.

Boston stopped a four-game losing streak and improved to 1-4 against the Yankees this season, preventing a three-game sweep in a series shortened by a rainout.

The third-place Red Sox moved within 8½ games of the AL East-leading Yankees, who have a 2½-game advantage over Tampa Bay. The next time baseball's biggest rivals meet will be June 29-30 in London, with Boston the home team for the first two major league games in Europe. The Yankees, who lost for only the fourth time in 19

games, don't visit Fenway Park until July 25-28. Price (3-2) permitted two runs and six hits with six strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings, outpitching CC Sabathia (3-2) in a matchup of AL Cy Young Award winners. Sabathia yielded three runs in six innings. Brandon Workman tossed a scoreless ninth for his second career save, both this year.

### TWINS 9, RAYS 7

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Jake Odorizzi (8-2) won his eighth straight decision, allowing three hits and striking out nine in six scoreless innings to lower his AL-best ERA to 1.96.

Minnesota, a big league-best 40-18, won three in a row after losing the series opener 14-3.

C.J. Cron had a three-run double during a four-run

fifth off Ryan Yarbrough (4-2), helping the Twins open a 7-0 lead.

Taylor Rogers struck out the side for his fifth save.

### WHITE SOX 2, INDIANS 0

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Lucas Giolito (8-1) tossed five-hit ball for 7 2/3 innings to win his sixth straight start. He struck out nine and walked none while extending his scoreless streak to 14 1/3 innings.

Aaron Bummer got two outs in the eighth and Alex Colomé finished for his 12th save. Tim Anderson homered leading off the fourth against Zach Plesac (0-1) and hit an RBI double in the eighth against A.J. Cole.

### RANGERS 5, ROYALS 1

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Adrian Sampson (4-3) struck out a career-high 11 in seven innings, allow-

ing one run and eight hits as he earned his first major league win as a starter.

Brad Keller (3-7) gave up three runs in seven innings. Kansas City ended a 1-6 trip that left the Royals a major league-worst 8-23 on the road.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the third on three opposite-field singles and added two runs in the fifth, the second on an opposite-field single by Nomar Mazara.

### GIANTS 8, ORIOLES 1

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Brandon Crawford had his first multi-homer game since August 2015, and Evan Longoria had a solo shot that stopped an 0-for-21 skid.

Bruce Bochy needs one win to join John McGraw as the only managers in Giants history with 1,000.

Jeff Samardzija (3-4) al-

lowed three hits and struck out six over six innings.

Gabriel Ynoa (0-2) gave up four runs — two earned — and five hits in five innings for the Orioles, a big league-worst 18-41.

Trey Mancini homered for Baltimore, which managed only four hits.

### ANGELS 13, MARINERS 3

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Albert Pujols hit his 643rd homer, his 11th this year, and drove in five runs. Called up from Triple-A Salt Lake on Saturday night, Juan Suárez (1-0) allowed three runs and five hits in 5 2/3 innings to win his big league debut. The 21-year-old lefty became the youngest pitcher to start for the Angels since Tyler Chatwood in 2011.

Luis Rengifo hit his first career home run, a solo drive in the Angels' sixth that landed above the Hit It Here Cafe in left field.

Marco Gonzales (5-6) was tagged for 10 runs and nine hits in 4 2/3 innings. He is 0-6 with a 7.79 ERA in his last seven starts.

### ASTROS 6, ATHLETICS 4, 12 INNINGS

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Rookie Myles Straw had three hits, three stolen bases and scored the go-ahead run on Michael Brantley's single in the 12th to help the Houston Astros complete their second three-game sweep of the season against the Athletics. Yuli Gurriel added a single in the 12th for his second RBI of the game to give the Astros their sixth sweep in their last nine series in Oakland. Houston also swept the A's at home in a three-game series in April.

The A's were held to seven runs in the series with all the scoring coming on six homers, including shots Sunday by Robbie Grossman, Jurickson Profar, Ramón Laureano and Matt Chapman. They have lost five straight following a 10-game winning streak and now trail Houston by a season-high 10 1/2 games in the AL West. Three of those recent losses have been with Lou Trivino (2-3) in relief.

Josh James (3-0) pitched two perfect innings for the win. □

# Fired-up Scherzer strikes out 15 at Nats beat Reds 4-1

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Max Scherzer struck out a season high 15, allowing three hits over eight innings to lead the Washington Nationals over Cincinnati 4-1 on Sunday, their 12th win in 14 games against the Reds. When manager Dave Martinez visited the mound with a runner on second and two outs in the ninth, Scherzer told him emphatically to keep him in the game. Scherzer then fanned Joey Votto on three straight called strikes.

Scherzer (3-5) reached double figures in strikeouts for the fourth time in 13 starts this season and 86th time in his career. Sean Doolittle pitched a perfect ninth for his 12th save as Washington won for the seventh time in nine games.

Sonny Gray (2-5) gave up two runs and five hits in five innings. Anthony Rendon had three hits, including an RBI single in the first, and raised his average to .331.

## CARDINALS 2, CUBS 1

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Adam Wainwright (5-5) overcame a career-high seven walks to pitch eight shutout innings and beat Cole Hamels (4-2) as St. Louis completed a three-game sweep.

The Cardinals got just four hits in their fourth straight win. Chicago was limited to three hits, and lost for the sixth time in seven games. Wainwright didn't allow a hit until Kris Bryant singled with one out in the sixth. He gave up two hits and struck out eight. Hamels gave up one unearned run and two hits over seven innings.

Kolten Wong hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth and pinch-hitter Matt Carpenter added a two-out, RBI single off Mike Montgomery in the eighth.

Addison Russell hit an RBI grounder in the ninth off John Gant, who got his third save when David Bote grounded out.

## BRAVES 7, TIGERS 4

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Dansby Swanson homered, drove in three runs and scored the tiebreaker on Freddie Freeman's double off Joe Jiménez (2-3) in the eighth. Touki Toussaint (3-0) got one out in the eighth.

Atlanta took two of three from the Tigers for its first home interleague series win since also winning two of three against Detroit in 2016. Atlanta was 0-5-3 in its last eight home series against American League teams.

## BREWERS 4, PIRATES 2

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Zach Davies (6-0) allowed eight hits over eight-plus innings, struck out three and walked one.

Corbin Burnes inherited a two-on, one-out jam in the ninth but wiggled free for his first save this season and second of his big career.

Eric Thames hit a two-run homer and an RBI double for Milwaukee.

Jordan Lyles (5-3) gave up four runs and eight hits in six innings.

## DODGERS 8, PHILLIES 0

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Rich Hill (2-1) struck out nine and scattered three hits over seven innings, and West-leading Los Angeles completed a three-game sweep of East-leading Philadelphia.

Joc Pederson homered to cap a seven-run eighth inning. The Dodgers extended their winning streak to five with their seventh series sweep. Philadelphia has lost four in a row for the first time this season.

David Freese homered for the second straight game, connecting in the seventh against Vince Velasquez (2-3).

## DIAMONDBACKS 7, METS 1

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Merrill Kelly (5-6) struck out a career-high 10, and Ketel Marte hit a long homer and had three RBIs.

Marte hit his first career leadoff home run, a 482-foot shot off Steven Matz (4-4) that matched Texas'



Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer throws in the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, Sunday, June 2, 2019, in Cincinnati.

Nomar Mazara for longest in the majors this season. He added a two-run single in the eighth.

Eduardo Escobar also hit a two-run shot in the first.

## ROCKIES 5, BLUE JAYS 1

**DENVER (AP)** — Antonio Senzatela (4-4) allowed one run and four hits in six innings, Chris Iannetta homered and Colorado won its eighth straight game. The Rockies swept their weekend set against the struggling Blue Jays to close out a 9-1 homestand.

Nolan Arenado homered and singled while extending his hitting streak to 13 games, and Raimel Tapia increased his hit streak to

12 games. David Dahl added an RBI double.

Toronto completed a winless six-game trip. Aaron Sanchez (3-6) lost his career-worst fifth straight decision, allowing four runs and seven hits in six innings.

## MARLINS 9, PADRES 3

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Jorge Alfaro homered, doubled and drove in a career-high four runs for the Miami Marlins, who beat the Padres in a game delayed 28 minutes after a swarm of bees settled on a microphone on the netting near the home dugout.

Trevor Richards (3-5) held San Diego to one hit in five scoreless innings while strik-

ing out eight for the Marlins, who won two of three. Miami outscored San Diego 18-6 in the final two games. With the Padres trailing 9-1, they had rookie third baseman Ty France pitch the ninth and he allowed just a single. Austin Hedges, who got the day off from catching, played third.

Hunter Renfroe homered twice for San Diego and drove in three runs.

Alfaro hit a two-run homer with two outs in the second, his ninth, off left-hander Matt Strahm (2-5). He added a two-run double in the fourth. Garrett Cooper hit a solo homer with two outs in the third. □

# Warriors beat Raptors 109-104 to even NBA Finals

**TORONTO (AP)** — The Golden State Warriors relied on a champion's heart to overcome their weary bodies. Klay Thompson scored 25 points before leaving with a hamstring injury, Stephen Curry had 23 and the Warriors ran off the first 18 points of the second half on the way to a 109-104 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday night that tied the NBA Finals at one game apiece.

With Kevin Durant already out and Thompson eventually joining him in the fourth quarter, the Warriors don't feel great — but they would've felt a whole lot worse flying home in a 2-0 hole.

"I think that when you get to this stage, our DNA shows up," Curry said.

Andre Iguodala, himself slow to get up after a hard fall in the first half, made the clinching 3-pointer with 5.9 seconds left after the Raptors scored 10 straight points to cut it to 106-104.

Kawhi Leonard had 34 points and 14 rebounds for the Raptors. They had won five straight since falling behind 2-0 in the Eastern Conference finals.

Curry appeared to be laboring as well in the first half, returning to the locker room in the midst of six straight misses to start the game.

But the Warriors cobbled together a good enough finish to the second quarter to keep it close, then stormed out of the locker room with one of their vintage third-quarter charges that have been so frequent during their run to five straight NBA Finals.

"Third quarter we didn't play well enough. We missed too many shots," Raptors guard Kyle Lowry said. "They got out in transition and got a little confidence going. We lost the game there."

DeMarcus Cousins was inserted into the starting lineup and delivered 11 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, and Draymond Green had 17 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists — missing by one assist a fourth straight triple-double.

The series moves to their



Golden State Warriors' Andre Iguodala (9) shoots over Toronto Raptors' Kyle Lowry as Pascal Siakam (43) looks on during Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals, Sunday, June 2, 2019, in Toronto.

Associated Press

Oracle Arena for Games 3 and 4, with the first NBA Finals to be played outside the U.S. assured of returning to Canada for Game 5.

The Warriors will hope to have enough healthy bodies to get through it. Thompson landed awkwardly after a 3-point attempt early in the fourth quarter and limped off soon after, with backup center Kevon Looney already missing the second half with a chest or shoulder injury.

And Golden State is still

without Durant, who missed his seventh straight game with a strained right calf but hopes to return during the series.

For now, they got key contributions from Quinn Cook, who hit three 3-pointers, and veteran center Andrew Bogut, who wasn't even part of the roster most of the season but came off the bench for three baskets.

"It was a great win. We got to go home and protect our home floor and we'll

see about all the injuries," coach Steve Kerr said. "But I'm very proud of our team and in particular all the guys off the bench."

Kerr said Thompson told him that he thought his injury was minor and he'd be fine, but added that "Klay could be half dead and he would say he would be fine." Kerr was unsure the nature of Looney's injury.

Fred VanVleet scored 17 points for the Raptors, who had red T-shirts with their slogan "We The North" hanging on seats around the arena.

The Warriors sure were seeing red, especially Curry, during a mostly miserable first half when they missed 20 of their first 28 shots.

He hung his head and didn't even attempt to run back when VanVleet stole the ball from him and made a layup to give Toronto an 11-point lead with a little more than 2 minutes remaining in the half.

But Curry made two free throws for the final points of the half to cut it to 59-54, then the Warriors came back and pitched a shutout until nearly the midpoint of the third quarter during a series-changing — perhaps season-changing — swing. Iguodala had five quick points including a 3-pointer that moved Golden State into the lead at 61-59. The surge continued with three straight baskets from Thompson and three more from Green, whose last one capped the 18-0 run that Elias said was the longest to start a half in NBA Finals history and made it 72-59 before Toronto finally got on the board with a 3-pointer with VanVleet with 6:20 remaining in the period.

"They moved the ball really well and were running freely," Raptors center Marc Gasol said. "Once they run freely, everything opens up for them."

The Warriors had won 12 straight Game 1s and this was their first time playing from behind in the finals since they were down 2-1 to Cleveland in 2015. They showed no signs of concern during the off days, and Thompson suggested part of the problem during their 118-109 loss Thursday was rust after they had nine days off in between series. Their bigger problem early in Game 2 was the defense of the Raptors. But Toronto — which had a 23-0 advantage in second-chance points — missed a chance to take a comfortable lead into the half and couldn't overcome its 37 percent shooting, with Pascal Siakam going 5 for 18 for 12 points after scoring 32 in the opener. □

# NCAA recommends women's wrestling as 'emerging sport'

By LUKE MEREDITH  
AP Sports Writer

The NCAA committee on women's athletics recommended Monday that all three divisions add women's wrestling as an emerging sport, a key step toward making it a championship-level sport.

If the recommendation is approved, women's wrestling as well as acrobatics and tumbling would be added as emerging sports Aug. 1, 2020.

A sport must have at least 20 varsity teams and/or competitive club teams to be considered for the program, and at least 40 varsity teams for NCAA championship consideration.

The Wrestle Like a Girl organization and USA Wrestling said there are 23 NCAA schools with women's wrestling teams, including Texas A&M and Colorado State. There are 13 other schools planning to add the sport either next year or in 2020-21. The National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association said 29 NCAA colleges and universities sponsor the sport.

The emerging sports program, which offers sponsorship options and helps schools meet financial aid and other requirements, began in 1994. It has helped several sports have reached championship status, including beach volleyball and ice hock-

ey. Equestrian, rugby and triathlon are all currently competing as emerging sports.

A coalition of wrestling organizations and the U.S. Olympic Committee submitted an application for emerging sport status in 2017. The committee said it applauded the continued growth of women's wrestling, noting the sport is relatively inexpensive to sponsor and that doing so would add coaching opportunities for women.

"This is a great day for wrestling," said Rich Bender, executive director of USA Wrestling. "We are encouraged by today's decision, and fully expect it to help accelerate the growth of women's wrestling."

Increasing opportunities for women to wrestle has been a major focus for the sport in recent years after it was briefly dropped from the Olympic program in 2013. A lack of gender equity played a role in the decision by the International Olympic Committee. Six of the 18 weights contested at the last two Olympics, in London and Rio de Janeiro, were for women, and a women's gold medal match will cap the competition in each of the last six days of the tournament at the 2020 Tokyo Games. Japan has won 11 of the 18 Olympic gold medals given out in women's wrestling. □



In this May 3, 2019, file photo, South Africa's Caster Semenya crosses the line to win gold in the women's 800-meter final during the Diamond League in Doha, Qatar.

Associated Press

## IAAF ordered by court to suspend Semenya testosterone rules

By GERALD IMRAY  
AP Sports Writer

Caster Semenya won an interim ruling in her battle against the IAAF when the Swiss supreme court ordered athletics' governing body to suspend its testosterone regulations on Monday, raising the prospect of her competing at the world championships without having to take hormone suppressing medication. The decision temporarily lifts the contentious rules, at least until the IAAF responds with arguments to the supreme court, known as the Swiss Federal Tribunal, to restore them. The IAAF has until June 25 to do that.

Should the IAAF fail to overturn the ruling, the regulations will remain suspended until Semenya's full appeal is heard by a panel of Swiss federal judges. That could take up to a year or more, meaning the 28-year-old South African might be cleared to run unrestricted in her favored event in remaining Diamond League meetings and the worlds in Doha, Qatar, in September and October.

"I am thankful to the Swiss judges for this decision," Semenya said. "I hope that following my appeal I will once again be able to run

free."

The supreme court appeal is the second time the two-time Olympic 800-meter champion has challenged the IAAF rules. Semenya lost her case against the IAAF at the Court of Arbitration for Sport on May 1 and the rules came into effect on May 8.

They meant that Semenya wasn't allowed to run in any top-level 800-meter race unless she medically reduced her elevated testosterone levels before Monday's decision.

Dorothee Schramm, the Swiss-based lawyer leading Semenya's appeal, said the supreme court "has granted welcome temporary protection to Caster Semenya."

"This is an important case that will have fundamental implications for the human rights of female athletes," Schramm said.

The ruling has implications for other athletes, too. Francine Niyonsaba of Burundi and Margaret Wambui of Kenya, both Olympic medalists in the 800, have said they are also affected by the rules.

The regulations apply only to some races, from 400 meters to one mile. Semenya is the reigning Olympic champion and a three-

time world champion in the 800. She also has a world championships bronze medal in the 1,500 meters, which the IAAF also made a restricted race. Semenya has battled track authorities for the right to run in what she describes as her natural form for a decade, ever since she was subjected to gender verification tests by the IAAF at the age of 18 when she won her first world title in 2009.

The dispute is viewed as one of the most controversial and complex to face sport. The IAAF rules apply to female athletes with medical conditions known as "differences of sex development" (DSD) and specifically those born with the typical male XY chromosome pattern. The athletes also have testosterone levels higher than the typical female range, which the IAAF argues gives them an unfair athletic advantage over other women because the hormone helps build muscle and increases oxygen levels in the blood. Prescribing medical treatments solely for sports eligibility reasons has been labelled as unethical by an array of experts, including the World Medical Association, which represents doctors across the world. □

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Craig Federighi, Apple's senior vice president of Software Engineering, speaks at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Jose, Calif., Monday, June 3, 2019.

Associated Press

## Apple previews new software as it diversifies beyond iPhones

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** — Apple CEO Tim Cook kicked off a keynote Monday that previewed upcoming changes to the company's phone and computer software, some intended to help it diversify to offset eroding sales of its bedrock product, the iPhone.

Many of the software updates are expected to be tailored for digital services such as video streaming that Apple is rolling out to lessen its iPhone dependence.

Cook began his keynote by recapping services Apple announced earlier this spring, including a news reading service and an arcade service for mobile games. He also previewed one of the original shows Apple is producing for its new video-streaming service, "For All Mankind," set in an alternate history where the Soviets were first to land a man on the moon.

The software showcase is an annual rite. This year, however, Apple is grappling with its biggest challenge since its visionary co-founder, Steve Jobs, died nearly eight years ago.

Although still popular, the iPhone is no longer reliably driving Apple's profits the way it has for the past decade. Sales have fallen sharply for the past two quarters, and could suffer another blow if China's

government targets the iPhone in retaliation for the trade war being waged by President Donald Trump. Apple emphasized its privacy protections during the keynote — following along with Facebook, Google and other major tech companies' scripts this year.

In its new operating system iOS13, the company is introducing "Sign in with Apple" to let users sign into apps without using similar sign-in services from Facebook and Google. The sign in will let you hide your actual email address if you choose. It is also making it easier to only show your location to apps once and not continually.

Another potential problem looms for Apple. Regulatory complaints and a consumer lawsuit both question whether Apple has been abusing the power of its iPhone app store to thwart competition and gouge smaller technology companies that rely on it to attract users and sell their services.

Apple is trying to adapt by squeezing money from digital services tailored for the more than 900 million iPhones currently in use.

Of course, the company hasn't totally abandoned the iPhone. The newest version of Apple's iPhone operating system, iOS 13, will feature a dark mode and

faster tools, including a facial unlock that Apple says will open your phone 30 percent faster. The biggest remake of a single app is a makeover of Apple Maps, which will debut this fall. It includes more granular street and place data that Apple says it collected with street and aerial footage — tactics its largest mobile app rival Google has been using for years. Apple also unveiled several new apps for its smart watch, including independent apps that don't rely on the iPhone. The App Store will be available on the watch, making it possible for people to find and download apps right on their watch — expanding the availability of purchases that generate commissions for Apple.

The event is expected to usher out the iTunes software that Apple rolled out 16 years ago to sell and manage digital music for the iPod, which paved the way for the iPhone.

Apple has already phased out the iTunes from the iPhone and iPad, but now it's expected to do the same on the Mac and other personal computers. Instead of iTunes, separate apps for music, video and podcasts are expected to be offered for computers, mirroring how Apple already handles those services on mobile devices. □



In this photo taken on Thursday, May 16, 2019, passengers look at their smartphones as they ride a bus in Moscow, Russia.

Associated Press

## Russia demands Tinder give user data to secret services

By NATALIYA VASILYeva  
Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia is requiring dating app Tinder to hand over data on its users — including messages — to the national intelligence agencies, part of the country's widening crackdown on internet freedoms. The communications regulator said Monday that Tinder was included on a list of online services operating in Russia that are required to provide user data on demand to Russian authorities, including the FSB security agency.

Tinder, an app where people looking for dates swipe left or right on the profiles of other users, will have to cooperate with Russian authorities or face being completely blocked in the country.

The rule would apply to any user's data that goes through Russian servers, including messages to other people on the app.

Tinder was not immediately available for comment.

Russia adopted a flurry of legislation in recent years tightening control over online activity. Among other things, internet companies are required to store six months' worth of user data and be ready to hand them over to authorities.

Russian authorities last year issued an order to ban messaging app Telegram after it refused to hand over user data. Some top Russian officials, including the FSB

chief, attacked Telegram, claiming "extremists" used the platform to plot terrorist attacks. Despite authorities' attempt to block Telegram, it is still available in Russia. Social network LinkedIn has also tried to resist but has been less fortunate. It refused to comply with requirements that personal data on Russian citizens be stored on servers within Russia. In 2016, a court ordered that LinkedIn be blocked. A total of 175 online services are on the Russian authorities list requiring them to hand over user data to Russian authorities. Most are small websites in Russian regions.

Popular messaging services such as WhatsApp or Facebook messengers are not on the list. Russian authorities say that is because law enforcement agencies have not approached them for data from those particular apps, but it is widely understood that blocking Facebook and its popular apps like WhatsApp or Instagram would be a big step for regulators. One of the recent victims of the watchdog's list was Zello, a voice messaging app popular with Russian truck drivers. Zello was an important tool to mobilize truck drivers protesting against a new toll system in 2015. After nearly a year of attempts to block the app, Zello became unavailable in Russia last year. □

# US stocks fall as losses carry over from May

EW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks dropped Monday at mid-day on Wall Street as investors struggled to shake off the steep losses incurred in May.

Declines in some major technology and internet companies weighed on the markets and offset gains in industrial and health care stocks.

Google's parent Alphabet fell as media reports suggested it faces an antitrust investigation by the Justice Department. Those reports also suggested Amazon could come under increased regulatory scrutiny. Facebook also weighed on internet stocks, falling 3.5%.

Technology companies also fell broadly. Microsoft shed 1.3% and Adobe fell 1.7%. Apple rose slightly ahead of its annual software showcase.

Among the gainers, Amgen rose 3.5% and Merck rose 1%. General Dynamics rose 2%.

The indecisive trading follows the first monthly loss for the market in 2019 as investors deal with uncertainty over the U.S. and its growing use of tariffs in international trade disputes. As of Friday, the S&P 500 was down 6.6% from its record set on April 30.

Investors spent the bulk of May fleeing to safer hold-



In this Aug. 24, 2015, file photo specialist Frank Masiello is reflected in his screen on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

ings as a global trade war flared up. China and the U.S. have been escalating their trade dispute with more tariffs on each other's goods while also threatening to ban technology and resource sales. The U.S. expanded its trade war and threatened to impose tariffs on Mexican goods starting June 10 because of an immigration dispute.

All of these moves have rattled investors and their confidence in prospects for global economic growth. Bank of America Merrill Lynch lowered its earnings

estimates for companies in the S&P 500, citing trade tensions. Analysts have also warned that uncertainty over trade deals will crimp business confidence and keep companies from investing internationally.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 index fell 0.1% as of 12:10 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 5 points, or 0.1%, to 24,822. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite fell 0.7%.

**DEAL OR NO DEAL:** News of deals, made and denied, drove movement for sev-

eral stocks early Monday. Cypress Semiconductor surged 24.6% on the announcement that German chipmaker Infineon is buying the company for more than \$10 billion in cash. Cypress Semiconductors specializes in wireless and USB technology and Infineon said the deal will create the eighth biggest chipmaker in the world and a leading supplier of chips to the automotive sector.

Centene slid 9.4% after Humana declined to make a buyout proposal. Both insurance companies focus

heavily on government-sponsored plans, including Medicare and Medicaid. Humana made clear that it is not seeking Centene in a rare filing aimed at quashing investor speculation.

El Paso Electric rose 14.2% after getting a \$2.78 billion buyout offer from a private equity fund affiliated with J.P. Morgan.

**ANXIETY PUSHES DEFENSE:** The U.S. decision to expand its trade war beyond China is adding to fears that economic growth and corporate profit growth will take a hit this year.

"Things are likely to get worse before they get better," said a Bank of America Merrill Lynch report.

The investment bank is recommending more caution from investors as trade disputes play out. Investors have already been heading to less-risky holdings, including utility stocks and bonds, since the trade dispute with China sharply escalated in May. Companies in the S&P 500 performed better than expected in the first quarter, posting less than a half-percentage point contraction in profit, according to Factset. But, the trade war continues hanging over the current quarter, with analysts expecting a 2% contraction in corporate profit. □

## Samsung vows to keep up investment as trade war raises risks

Associated Press

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —** Samsung Electronics' Vice Chairman Lee Jae-yong has vowed to keep up robust investments in key businesses as South Korea's leading company weathers slowing demand and the impact of trade clashes between Washington and Beijing.

In a weekend meeting with top Samsung executives, Lee called for "unwavering focus on long-term, fundamental leadership in technology" and reaffirmed plans to invest 133 trillion won (\$112 billion) to strengthen the company's presence in the non-memory chip market.

Samsung also last year announced a three-year plan to invest 180 trillion won (\$152 billion) to strengthen its memory chip segment and other key sectors and hire 40,000 more people in the process.

"In this rapidly changing environment, we need to keep our unwavering focus on the long-term, fundamental leadership in technology," Lee said in a statement provided by Samsung.

Samsung is the world's biggest maker of memory chips and smartphones, strong both in components and finished products.

The company saw its operating profit during the last

quarter drop more than 60% from a year earlier because of falling chip prices and sluggish demand for display panels.

Samsung has forecast that memory chip prices will continue to fall in the second quarter despite expectations for a modest improvement in demand for mobile products.

Analysts say potential U.S. sanctions on Chinese technology giant Huawei could hurt Samsung by further reducing demand for chips used in such products.

In the long run, though, Samsung's smartphone business could benefit from sanctions against its leading rival in that sector. □



In this Feb. 5, 2018, file photo, Lee Jae-yong, vice chairman of Samsung Electronics, gets into a car to leave a detention center in Uiwang, South Korea.

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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### ACROSS

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- 15 Wading bird
- 16 Tried's partner, in phrase
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- 18 Traveler's stop
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- 20 Neighbor of Alabama
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- 39 Hitchhiker's hope
- 40 Cool cucumber
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- 47 Ladder piece
- 48 Pocket bread
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- 56 Lion's cry
- 57 In the air
- 58 Actress Patricia
- 60 Possesses
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- 62 Long look
- 63 Book leaf
- 64 Rough woolen fabric
- 65 Child's running game
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### Monday's Puzzle Solved

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# School's plan for facial recognition system raises concerns

LOCKPORT, N.Y. (AP) — A New York school district has finished installing a facial recognition system intended to spot potentially dangerous intruders, but state officials concerned about privacy say they want to know more before the technology is put into use.

Education Department spokeswoman Emily De-Santis said Monday that department employees plan to meet with Lockport City School officials about the system being tested this week. In the meantime, she said, the district has said it will not use facial recognition software while it checks other components of the system.

The rapidly developing technology has made its way into airports, motor vehicle departments, stores and stadiums, but is so far rare in public schools.

Lockport is preparing to bring its system online as cities elsewhere are considering reigning in the technology's use. San Francisco in May became the first U.S. city to ban its use by police and other city departments and Oakland is among others considering similar legislation.

A bill by Democrat Assembly Member Monica Wallace would create a one-year moratorium on the technology's use in New York schools to allow lawmakers time to review it and draft regulations. The legislation is pending.

Lockport Superintendent Michelle Bradley, on the district's website, said the district's initial implementation of the system this week will include adjusting cameras mounted throughout the buildings and training staff members who will monitor them from a room in the high school. □

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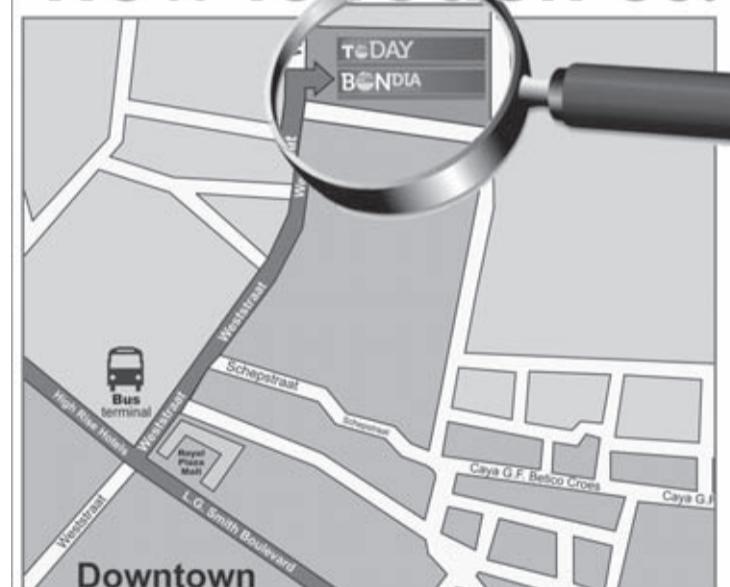
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## Feds to investigate spike in gray whale deaths on West Coast

By GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — U.S. scientists said Friday they will investigate why an unusual number of gray whales are washing up dead on West Coast beaches.

About 70 whales have been found dead so far this year on the coasts of California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, the most since 2000. About five more have been discovered on British Columbia beaches. That's a very small fraction of the total number of whales believed to have died, because most simply sink and others wash up in such remote areas they're not recorded.

NOAA Fisheries on Friday declared the die-off an "unusual mortality event," providing additional resources to respond to the deaths and triggering the investigation.

"Many of the whales have been skinny and malnourished, and that suggests they may not have gotten enough to eat during their last feeding season in the Arctic," agency spokesman Michael Milstein told reporters during a conference call.

The eastern North Pacific gray whales were removed from the endangered species list in 1994, after recovering from the whaling era. The population has grown significantly in the last decade and is now estimated at 27,000 — the high-



In this May 6, 2019 file photo, Duat Mai stands atop a dead whale at Ocean Beach in San Francisco.

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est since surveys began in 1967. That has raised questions about whether their population has reached the limit of what the environment can sustain. Another theory suggests that the loss of Arctic sea ice due to global warming is a culprit.

The whales spend their summers feeding in the Arctic before migrating 10,000 miles (16,000 km) to winter off Mexico. Though they eat all along their route, they are typically thinning by the time they return north along the West Coast each spring.

They eat many things, but especially amphipods, tiny shrimp-like creatures that

live in sediment on the ocean floor in the Arctic. For many years, researchers noted that fewer calves tended to be born following years when the ice in the Chukchi Sea, north of the Bering Strait between Alaska and Russia, was late to melt. The whales had less time to feast because they couldn't access the feeding area, and thus had less blubber to sustain them on their next migration. Last year, though, the Arctic was unusually warm. The whales weren't blocked from the feeding area, and yet are still struggling this year. That has scientists wondering if the loss of sea ice has led to a loss of algae

that feed the amphipods. Surveys show the amphipod beds moving farther north, said Sue Moore, a biological oceanographer at the University of Washington.

"The sea ice has been changing very quickly over the last decade or so," she said. "The whales may have to shift to other prey, such as krill or other things they eat."

In an average year, about 35 whales wash up in the U.S.

In 2000, more than 100 did, prompting NOAA to declare an "unusual mortality event" then as well. The resulting investigation failed to identify a cause. The die-

off followed strong changes in ocean conditions in the mid-1990s, suggesting that warmer water patterns affected the availability of prey, but scientists were often unable to perform necropsies, Moore said.

"It's sometimes very difficult to get to these whales in a timely fashion," she said. "You can't always get the kind of samples you would need for diagnostic reasons."

Since then, researchers have built up an improved network of volunteers and have better educated the public to help report and respond to whale deaths, said Deborah Fauquier, veterinary medical officer at NOAA's Office of Protected Resources. This time around, scientists have been able to perform necropsies on 20 of the whales, she said.

John Calambokidis, a research biologist with the Cascadia Research Collective, noted that as the whales search farther afield for food, they've entered areas where they're not normally seen so often, including San Francisco Bay and Puget Sound. That puts them at higher risk of being struck by ships or entangled in fishing gear.

Four of the 10 gray whales found dead near San Francisco this year were struck by ships, and a number of shipping companies have slowed their vessels in the area to avoid collisions. □



In this May 24, 2019 photo, provided by the Texas State Aquarium, a sea turtle is seen during rescue and rehabilitation at the Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Rescue Center in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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## Texas coastal flooding strands about 100 endangered turtles

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP)

— High tides and flooding associated with May storms that buffeted parts of Texas caused the stranding of about 100 young sea turtles along part of the Gulf coast, experts say.

Jesse Gilbert, Chief Operating Officer of the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, said Monday that the juvenile green sea turtles "just couldn't beat the waves" and were tossed around along the shore. The turtles were caught in

water pushed up against the dunes on Padre Island National Seashore, Gilbert said.

Wildlife officials helped gather and transport the green sea turtles, with the largest about the size of a dinner plate, to the aquarium, he said.

"They literally just looked exhausted. They were a little bit dehydrated," said Gilbert, describing the endangered turtles.

During normal spring weather the wildlife center

may have about a half-dozen young turtles wash ashore each month. More than 100 green sea turtles were rescued during two weeks starting in mid-May, Gilbert said.

About 80 of the rested turtles were released into the Gulf of Mexico last Thursday. Most of the rest should be returned to the water this week, he said.

The National Weather Service on May 12 began issuing about 11 days of coastal flooding advisories. □

## Rhett looks to get more relatable with love on new record

By KRISTIN M. HALL

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Thomas Rhett has fully embraced his reputation for being the guy who is always writing romantic songs inspired by his wife, Lauren, due to his hit parade of multi-platinum love songs like "Die a Happy Man" and "Marry Me."

Now his challenge going into his fourth record, "Center Point Road," out Friday, is to be less gushy and more relatable.

"I'm trying to write my love songs with a little more depth, rather than our life is rainbows and fairytales," Rhett said. "Love just shifts and evolves and you start to love deeper and you start to love harder in the midst of all the chaos of your life. It was cool to write love songs with a little more meat attached to the bone on this record."

And if you look closely at the album's credits, his wife shows up on background vocals on "Things You Do For Love," although he said



In this April 30, 2019, photo, country singer Thomas Rhett poses in Nashville, Tenn. to promote his fourth record "Center Point Road."

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he had to ply her with wine in the studio.

At just 29, Rhett has a lot to look forward to as one of country music's biggest young stars. He is selling out arenas across the country

and has won male artist of the year at the Academy of Country Music Awards twice.

He reached a wider audience with his debut on "Saturday Night Live" in

March and his expansive 16-track record finds him pushing further into big pop productions with collaborations with Ed Sheeran co-writer and Grammy-winner Amy Wadge, and The Ste-

reotypes, a hip-hop/pop production and songwriting team that worked with Bruno Mars on his Grammy-winning "24K Magic" record.

"I just love every record doing a couple of songs that are way out of my wheelhouse because I think it expands me creatively," Rhett said.

He also worked with OneRepublic's Ryan Tedder, who's also known for creating hits for superstars including Beyoncé, Taylor Swift and Adele.

Tedder had never written with Rhett, but they had mutual friends and got together for a two-day writing session that produced "Beer Can't Fix" a beachy country duet with Jon Pardi, and a stripped-down acoustic track called "That Old Truck." Tedder teased that there was one more song they both wrote that will be coming out on another producer/DJ's record, but he couldn't yet announce it. □

## Monse looks to vintage board games for resort collection

By LEANNE ITALIE  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — With the sun shining bright after days of dreary rain, Monse co-founders Laura Kim and Fernando Garcia seated some of their guests on soft cubes designed as dice as they showed a vintage board game-infused resort collection Friday on an open, lower Manhattan plaza.

Sticking closely to their "Monseisms," as Garcia put it in an interview, the duo also at the creative helm of Oscar de la Renta leaned on breezy prints adorned with little game toy soldiers, numbers and hearts, mixed with monochromatic looks of mustard yellow, fiery orange and cherry red.

Their love of deconstructing menswear for women was present and accounted for in asymmetrical sleeve and jacket designs.

So was long fringe swinging under blue skies amid abstract sculpture, on a red striped one-shoulder caf-



The Monse Resort 2020 is modeled, Friday, May 31, 2019, in New York.

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tan and black striped chiffon culotte, among other outfits.

The mission remains as is: To work staples into something new.

"We have a love and affinity for stripes and decon-

structing anything that is in your existing wardrobe," Garcia told The Associated Press.

It was a superior at de la Renta that got them going on antique board games. He showed them a book of

Victoria-era games, "and it was really beautiful," Kim said.

They carried the theme into other elements, including little dice on necklaces. Some shoulders and necks were adorned and affixed

with colorful cupped-hand clasps.

Monse doesn't just make menswear fresh and sexy for women. They do the same for the men. One male model walked in strappy sandals in a patchwork blazer with inside-out lining stripes, one lapel striped and the other white. A huge part of the Monse vibe, among the isms, is comfort and wearability. There was a pair of wool pants in cherry with a forgiving foldover waist, along with a black striped chiffon scarf shirt amid the inside-outness and unconventional tailoring.

Of their desire to deconstruct, Kim offered: "We both like very basic clothes. We love basic T-shirts, but we're looking at it in a way of, how do we make this look new?"

Garcia said their "Monseisms" are about "creating things that nobody else has in their closet."

But fancier. Not just for going to work. □

# In Asian-led 'Always Be My Maybe,' ethnicity is secondary

By TERRY TANG  
Associated Press

The newly released Netflix movie "Always Be My Maybe," is an Asian American rom-com with a twist: Ethnicity isn't central to the plot.

It's just stand-up comedian and actress Ali Wong and "Fresh Off the Boat" actor Randall Park playing best friends and soul mates who happen to be Asian, which may be the most refreshing

part of all.

"It wasn't the type of thing where we sat down and said before we wrote it, 'OK, we got to represent and make sure we're making the perfect Asian American movie,'" Park told The Associated Press. "It was more like, 'Let's make a really heartfelt and really funny romantic comedy, a movie that we'd really love to see.'"

In the flick, best friends Sa-



This undated image shows Randall Park and Ali Wong in a scene from the movie "Always Be My Maybe."

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sha (Wong) and Marcus (Park), who grew up next door to each other in San Francisco, lose touch after a night of passion. They are reunited 15 years later when Sasha, now a celebrity chef, temporarily moves back home to launch a new restaurant.

Meanwhile, Marcus works for his father's air conditioning company while playing in a band. Despite both of them being in relationships and having opposite lifestyles, it's clear the more-than-friends feelings are still there.

Like "Crazy Rich Asians," the film showcases an all-Asian ensemble and it's romantic and funny. But that's where the similarities end.

Wong, Park and Michael Golamco, who met doing theater at the University of California, Los Angeles, in the late '90s, co-wrote the screenplay that has more in common with "When Harry Met Sally" than "Crazy Rich Asians."

While the cast is Asian American, there's no prominent East-meets-West culture clash story line like in "Crazy Rich Asians."

Park, who plays a sweet-natured father of three on TV's "Fresh Off the Boat," has always wanted to play a romantic lead.

"I never really got afforded the chance by the industry. So it was the type of thing 'Well, I guess I got to write

it," said Park, who is Korean American.

First-time movie director Nahnatchka Khan, who is also the creator of "Fresh Off the Boat," said it was thrilling to watch him embrace playing a romantic leading man.

"He just pulls off the emotion," Khan said. "I think everybody has seen him be really funny in all of his TV and movie work. But to have him kind of carry this movie on his shoulders, you feel for him and you're rooting for him."

Wong, who is Vietnamese and Chinese American, is courted by two other characters played by Keanu Reeves, who is part Chinese and Native Hawaiian, and Daniel Dae Kim, who is Korean American. To see men of Asian descent playing the rivals is significant because those roles could have easily been cast with non-Asian American actors.

"What I find interesting about this particular film is that the three main romantic rivals ... they're all playing different types of Asian American men," said Keith Chow, creator of online pop culture website The Nerds of Color.

The characters are seen doing activities commonly associated with Asians, like eating dim sum or going to a Korean spa. But, there are also subtler nods

to Asian culture, like people taking off their shoes when they enter homes.

The filmmakers strived for authenticity, like using a working dim sum restaurant and its servers in a scene.

"It just made the experience even better," Park said.

Unlike previous mainstream rom-coms that take place in San Francisco, a lot of the bars and restaurant scenes have plenty of Asian extras in the background. That was something Khan was always conscious of.

"On the monitors, I would always look at each frame and just make sure the crowd felt real, it felt authentic," Khan said.

It was also integral to Park in scenes where Marcus performs with his band Hello Peril. After college, he performed in a largely Asian American band like in the movie.

"Because of that, Asian Americans came to our shows," Park said. "Just by nature, the community comes out to support and that's reflected in those scenes and in reality."

Chow said he hopes the film will continue to normalize stories focused on Asians so that they are not seen as "niche." And so Asian Americans will not feel pressure that movies or TV shows have to be hits so that someone else's project can get made. □

# UK's anxiety takes center stage at Hay ideas festival

By JILL LAWLESS

HAY-ON-WYE, Wales (AP)

— At Britain's leading literary gathering, the word of the year was anxiety.

Fifty shades of worry — about climate change, mental health and of course Brexit — dominated the Hay Festival this year. The event is an annual carnival of ideas held amid sheep-studded green hills in Hay-on-Wye, a tiny Welsh town with about 2,000 residents and close to 20 bookshops.

With Britain's departure from the European Union in limbo, its population split, its politicians deadlocked — and divisive U.S. President Donald Trump in Britain on Monday for a state visit — many of the 600 authors and 100,000 audience members were asking where things went wrong, and what can be done about it.

"I used to think 'the Brits are so calm when they talk about politics. They don't get angry,'" Turkish-British novelist Elif Shafak told an audience in Hay, 150 miles (240 kilometers) northwest of London. "I no longer think that way. Brexit literally broke the political narrative here and brought to the surface a much more toxic form of politics."

The festival, which ended Sunday, draws novelists, poets, scientists and politicians, and was famously dubbed the "Woodstock of the mind" by former U.S. President Bill Clinton. It's an annual indicator of what's on the mind of a large and largely liberal chunk of Britain. This year, the best-selling book in the onsite bookshop was "Heroic Failure," an evisceration of Brexit failures by Irish journalist Fintan O'Toole.

Britain's 2016 decision to quit the European Union created a deep fault-line between the 48% of voters who wanted remain in the European Union and the 52% who voted to leave. Three years on, Britain's politicians have failed to agree on exit terms, the country is still in the bloc, and voters on both sides are angry. The words "traitor" and



Books are displayed in a bookshop during the Hay Festival in Hay on Wye, Wales, Friday May 31, 2019.

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"betrayal" are shouted and shared on social media in what often feels like a bad-tempered dialogue.

"We have half the country who think the other half are idiots," said British historian Peter Frankopan, whose book "The New Silk Roads" charts the growing power of Asia. "One of the challenges is how you blend those perspectives. How do you sit in the middle?"

The depth of the political chaos has come as a surprise, even to the experts. American historian Jared Diamond, whose latest book examines nations under pressure in his latest book "Upheaval - How Nations Cope with Crisis and Change," told his audience at Hay that he originally planned to include a chapter on Britain, a country long regarded as a sta-

ble leading democracy. "It was going to be a happy-ending chapter," he said, about how Britain in the late 20th century overcame a crisis over its loss of empire "by finding a new identity in joining the European Union."

The 2016 Brexit referendum made him reconsider that thesis. Diamond said that at the moment, he'd hesitate to write about Britain at all.

"Things are changing so fast with Brexit anything I wrote a week ago would be out of date," he said.

As it stands, Britain is due to leave the EU on Oct. 31, the delayed departure date set by the bloc amid political deadlock in London. Prime Minister Theresa May has given up trying to get her unpopular divorce deal approved by Parliament and will step down as Conservative Party leader on Friday.

Most of the more than a dozen contenders to replace her have vowed to take Britain out of the bloc, even without a deal. Pro-EU Britons — along with most economists — say that would plunge the country into recession. But many Brexit supporters believe the only alternative is being stuck in the EU indefinitely. The deep division over Brexit looks to be transforming British politics. Last month's European Parliament elections saw voters desert the Conservatives and main opposition Labour — the two parties that tried and failed to find a compromise EU divorce deal — for the newly formed Brexit Party and the fervently pro-EU Liberal Democrats. □

## 'Chasing the Moon' takes a look at the history of rocketry

By JEFF AYERS

Associated Press

"Chasing the Moon: The People, the Politics, and the Promise That Launched America into the Space Age" (Ballantine Books), by Robert Stone and Alan Andres

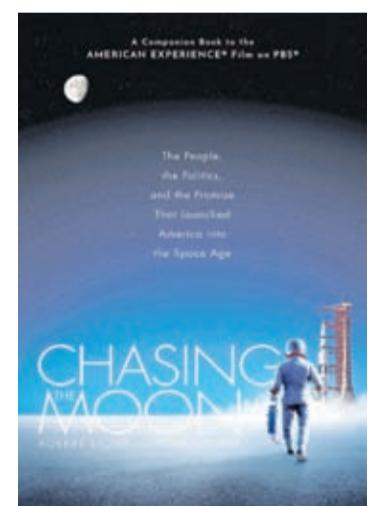
This companion book to the upcoming PBS film showcases well-known individuals and some forgotten names that were just as essential in keeping the dream of sending a man into outer space. The first known scientific look at the practicality of rockets came in 1903 when Russian Konstantin Tsiolkovsky published a paper that used a mathematical formula to

take the rocket's mass to its velocity. He was a fan of Jules Verne's "From the Earth to the Moon," and while the idea of traveling in outer space and visiting other worlds was standard science fiction, Tsiolkovsky's paper was the first to prove it could be accomplished. Sadly, his findings would take another 20 years to be appreciated.

A young man named Archie Clarke discovered a book when he was a teenager called "The Conquest of Space." He thought it was fiction, so what he found was completely unexpected as it showed that space travel was theoretically possible. It sparked his

imagination, and it eventually led him to write classics such as "2001: A Space Odyssey."

The book mentions the famous names like Werner von Braun and Robert Goddard, but it's also about Newton Minow, who believed the future of telecommunications was in using satellites. The authors showcase the human side of what began as a flight of fancy and those pioneers that pursued the dream to see humanity reach the stars. They embraced the chase to the moon and beyond. The book is a perfect appetizer to what seems to be a stellar upcoming PBS documentary. □



This cover image released by Ballantine shows "Chasing the Moon: The People, the Politics, and the Promise That Launched America into the Space Age," by Robert Stone and Alan Andres.

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## Wattle fences: Weaving branches takes time, yields rewards

By CAIN BURDEAU

Associated Press

CONTRADA PETRARO, Sicily (AP) —

They come in the middle of the night and are gone by morning. But without fail, they leave their calling cards: Pronged footprints and gashes in the ground where they've dug with natural abandon.

This nocturnal troublemaker in mountainous northern Sicily is the "cinghiale," the wild pig, a bane to those who tend a garden.

When I came to live with my wife and two boys on a small abandoned farm that we bought here in the Madonie Mountains, the locals quickly instilled a fear of the cinghiale in me. According to many people, these animals have made gardening nearly impossible.

The wild pigs disappeared from Sicily around the end of the 19th century, but their numbers have exploded since they were reintroduced more than 20 years ago and crossbred with domesticated pig species, authorities say.

Plant a vineyard? Don't bother, locals told me. They'll eat all your grapes. Put up a fence and they'll find a way in. These pigs can jump 3 feet off the ground, I learned.

One neighbor told me he was removing his vineyard due to the pigs and their bottomless appetites. "They're terrible," he said with regret.

But I had visions of turning sections of our three acres into garden spots overflowing with carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs, arti-



This March 26, 2018 photo shows Cain Burdeau cutting to length a branch to make a post for a garden wattle fence in Contrada Petraro in the mountains of northern Sicily.

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chores.

I began to think harder about fences that would keep out the wild pigs.

Our farm, like much of the countryside hereabouts, is patchily ringed by wire fences threaded with strands of barbed wire. These fences weren't designed to keep wild pigs out but to keep flocks of sheep in. Held up by withered sticks and even sections of plumbing pipe, they were old and falling over.

They were useless, and a nuisance. One section cut across our land and had to be removed both for safety and ease of passage. I didn't want my boys to get caught on the barbed wire while they were running and playing.

With wire cutters in hand, I removed these obstacles.

Many people string up electric fences around gardens. But there are problems: Besides costing a fair amount, they can malfunction, and pose the obvious problem of causing nasty electric shocks.

Sturdy wire fences with cement posts are common. But I found them unattractive, expensive and boring to look at with their uniformity in shape and purpose. Besides, I was told that pigs will get under them eventually.

As spring approached — and with it an urge to sow seeds and plant vegetables — we still had no fence.

And on several crisp winter mornings, I found the telltale signs of wild pigs: big holes dug around olive trees and along muddy trenches where rains drained off our hillsides.

The power of their snouts was impressive. The pigs root in search of tubers and other buried delights, and can make it look like a mechanized tiller guided by a phantom got loose overnight.

As it happened, one evening as I read Leo Tolstoy's masterpiece "Anna Karenina," I paused halfway through one of his descriptions of Russian country life. He depicted a countryside strung with wattle fences.

What exactly IS a wattle

fence?

I had a vague notion, but needed to look it up in a dictionary. It was a eureka moment: A wattle fence is made of sticks driven into the ground and interwoven with twigs and branches.

Then I did the next obvious thing: an internet search. Sure enough, a few people out in the world were wattle, and happy to show how it is done on homemade videos.

A wattle fence is simple. It's made by pounding posts into the ground — say 12 inches deep — and then weaving twigs and branches in and out of the posts. At the very least, a twig needs to be woven around three posts so that it stays in place.

The fence's robustness — and it does become surpris-

ingly robust — comes from weaving twigs in opposite directions around the posts. So, if you start one twig on the inside of a post, it then gets woven around the outside of the next post, the inside of the next one, and so on. The next twig fed into the fence goes the opposite direction: outside of post, inside, outside.

It was quiet work. I cut and stripped branches pruned from olive and ash trees, and listened to the water in a river running far down along the valley bottom. The bells of sheep and cows in far-off pastures twinkled in the air; the wild shouts of herders were incomprehensible riddles that kept me company. Sometimes, I paused in my slow, steady work to catch sight of a screeching bird rushing through the trees.

I started my first fence in early March, and six weeks later I stood back and admired my handiwork. Definitely, it had been a lot of work. But I was satisfied.

Aesthetically, it was pleasing in its inexactness, rambling and irregular lines, its woodiness.

I was happy to have used twigs and branches that otherwise would have been burned, either in the wood stove or as bonfires. The wattle fence, I learned, was an ancient technique in use until the 1900s. Wattle panels are still intact inside many British homes built centuries ago. Archaeologists have found wattle fence remains dating to the ninth century A.D. in Britain. □



This May 4, 2018 photo shows a wattle fence made to protect a garden on a property in Contrada Petraro in the mountains of northern Sicily.

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This March 26, 2018 photo shows Cain Burdeau hammering into the ground a post for a garden wattle fence he's making in Contrada Petraro in the mountains of northern Sicily.

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